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R.A.F. Braves Weather To Launch Widespread Raids

Targets Reached in North Germany, Holland, Norway and Denmark

London, Feb. 12.

DISREGARDING rapidly deteriorating weather, the Royal Air Force last night launched widespread heavy attacks on German occupied areas in Europe, reaching targets in North Germany, Holland, Norway and Denmark, the Air Ministry revealed today.

A force attacked industrial targets at Bremen, causing fires and explosions. Hanover also was visited and fuel was added to the flames kindled on the previous night. At Rotterdam, bombs caused a heavy explosion in an oil installation.

In the early hours of the day, aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked shipping at Christiania, in South Norway, and a seaplane base in Jutland.

Throughout yesterday, in addition to an offensive sweep carried out over north France, a large number of patrols were flown by fighters. Very few enemy aircraft were seen.

From all these operations three aircraft were missing, including two fighters. A bomber crashed on its return, but the crew escaped injury.

Repeat For Hanover

London, Feb. 12.

The important industrial centre of Hanover, which was heavily bombed by the Royal Air Force for six hours on Monday night, suffered in another visit from them during last night. Although bad weather last night prevented R.A.F raids from being on the scale of Monday night's raids, it is stated that British bombers were again over many parts of north-west Germany.

In this repeat raid on Hanover, the R.A.F. was continuing a plan of successive night raids on a single base or port. The previous raid showed the true weight of the proposed attacks.

Some of the fires which were started during Monday's raid were still burning and were greatly enlarged by more bombs being unloaded on them. They became so large as to be impossible to handle.

Bitter Defence Met

The Germans put up a tremendous anti-aircraft barrage and sent up a large number of night fighters. But in spite of all their efforts, tons of incendiary and explosive bombs were poured down on the factories and oil plants in Hanover.

German oil was one of the main objectives of last night's operations and tanks at Rotterdam were subjected to another minor attack.

Ostend Shelled

Other British machines bombed German invasion bases and in the early morning, as previously announced, units of the Royal Navy bombarded Ostend, shells falling on the harbour works and starting many fires.

Once again there was only slight German air activity over Britain last night.

A communique says that a few bombs were dropped in east and south-east Britain. Some houses were damaged and a small number of people injured.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Across Again

London, Feb. 12.

Heaviest explosions from the direction of the French coast, heard shortly before midnight last night, indicated the R.A.F. was hammering "invasion ports" for the sixth successive night.

Coupled with the Navy's assault on Ostend it means the attack on invasion preparations the past week has been nearly as intense as when the threat was regarded most acute last autumn.

All German radio stations have been silent since 7 p.m. yesterday except at Breslau, Warsaw, Vienna, Danzig and two other sites in eastern Germany, it was learned early today.—United Press.

British Coast Shelled

London, Feb. 12.

Long-range guns from across the water today shelled a south-east coast area. A loud explosion resembling the discharge of a heavy-calibre gun was heard, followed by two more such explosions. Subsequently, shells burst in the air over a town and large splinters were picked up. Two houses were damaged but no casualties were reported.—Reuter.

Athens Area Has First Night Raid

Piraeus Workers' Homes Shattered in Italian "Reprisal Attack"

Athens, Feb. 12.

Italian bombers last night subjected Athens and the nearby port of Piraeus to the first night aerial attack of the war, shattering workers' homes in a tenement district in Piraeus and burying civilians in the wreckage.

The attack, during which no bombs fell on Athens itself, followed 48 hours of intensified Fascist aerial attacks on Greek cities and towns throughout the nation, including six centres which were said by the High Command to have been bombed during the daytime.

Mussolini's Revenge

Greek quarters believed that the bombing were Premier Benito Mussolini's reprisals for the recent defeats suffered on all Albanian battle fronts and what they described as the "complete failure" of 46 separate Italian counter-attacks since Il Duce sent General Ugo Cavallero, Chief of State, to Albania to assume command of the Italian troops.

Piræus Hit

The air raid on the Athens area started at 7.30 p.m. yesterday, but no planes were seen over this city. The planes started dropping parachute flares, and some bombs fell on Piraeus, where workers' quarters were the chief sufferers. Bombs also fell into the sea and the harbour. There were some casualties, but the damage was not large nor important.

Raids Detailed

In connection with air raids on Greece, the Minister of Public Security said that "enemy aviation Tuesday raided rural districts in Jannina where there were some victims; Prebza: a few civilian victims and small damage to buildings; Larissa: a few victims, no damage; Corinth region: no victims, no damage; Piraeus: some poor workers were victims and no important damage."

Greek infantry stormed and occupied a new peak of more than 7,000 feet in height after a long and hard attack, he stated.—United Press.

Counter-Attack Stemmed

Athens, Feb. 12.

An Italian counter-attack between Klisura and Tepeleni at dawn yesterday was stemmed, and the Greeks advanced about three miles, it was stated here last night.

Another Italian counter attack is said to have been completely repulsed by Greek troops in the vicinity of the Devoli valley.

At Moskopolis, the Greeks are reported to be engaged in mopping up in the mountains.—Reuter.

Raids On Malta

Malta, Feb. 12.

Enemy aircraft flew over Malta early yesterday morning and afternoon, but no bombs were dropped. From the airport anti-aircraft guns engaged the raiders. The result has not yet been ascertained, says a communique.

Some bombs were dropped when enemy machines were over the island on Monday evening and night.—Reuter.

Addis Ababa Threatened By New Drive

British South Africans Advance from Kenya

Cairo, Feb. 12.

British South African forces have advanced northwards from Kenya Colony 50 miles into Abyssinia, reaching a strategic position where they threaten both Addis Ababa and communications between Abyssisnia and Italian Somaliland, despatches from the front said yesterday.

The British troops were advancing east of Lake Rudolf up a valley extending north-east through a long chain of lakes towards the Abyssinian capital.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports reaching Vichy said the Free column which last month raided Italian outposts in south-western Libya has struck north-west 400 miles and attacked and captured Ghadames, a strong Italian post 225 miles from Tripoli.

The headquarters of Gen. Charles de Gaulle at London issued a communique which said a motorized column from Lake Chad, commanded by Colonel de Clerc, had captured several bases in the Koufra area of south-eastern Libya February 7.

The communique pointed out Koufra was an important military post for Italian communications between Libya and Abyssinia and that 50 miles of difficult desert area were between the Chad frontier and Koufra.—United Press.

Troops Fighting Well

London, Feb. 12.

South African troops played a prominent part in the capture of Hobok on the south Abyssinian border, according to details of the operations which have just reached London. With a British force, the South Africans left Dukana and camped on the border. Later they pushed on through dense bush over a distance of 18 miles towards their objective.

As in the Western Desert, Indian troops—infantry, sappers and mechanized cavalry,—are greatly distinguishing themselves in operations in Eritrea, where they are very much at home in terrain resembling that of the North West Frontier.

Scaling heights held by the Italians, they have repeatedly captured positions at the point of the bayonet, and immediately charged down the mountain-side. In one battle, that which resulted in the occupation of Barentu, Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and a Frontier Force regiment fought throughout the attack.

The actual seizing of Barentu was effected after a five-day battle fought by an Indian brigade through a narrow gorge, and a ten-day battle fought along the Aicota-Barentu road by another brigade.

Bitter Fighting

Koufra, an important military post and base in the line of communications between Libya and Abyssinia, has been the scene of fierce fighting between free French Forces and the Italians.

A communique issued from General Charles de Gaulle's headquarters states: "Our forces from Chad, supported by our air force, are continuing their successful operations in southern Libya.

"A motorized column under the command of Colonel Leclerc has gained ground by taking several cases in the Koufra area.

"On February 7, after a successful bombing raid carried out by our squadrons, in which they destroyed important objectives and numerous aeroplanes on the ground, an Italian air base was stormed and the enemy suffered heavy losses in men and materials.

"Operations are still progressing satisfactorily."—Reuter.

Enemy Harassed

Cairo, Feb. 12.

The latest air communique from Middle East Headquarters contains news of successful raids on Calato (Rhodes) Tepelini and Duki, while in Italian East Africa the South African Air Force continues to harass the enemy.

The communique states that during a lull in North Africa, R.A.F. activity has been continued on other fronts. Heavy bombers again attacked Calato on the Island of Rhodes on Monday and dropped several tons of bombs on the aerodrome and dispersed aircraft around it. Buildings and aircraft were seen to be on fire after the explosion of the bombs, and it is confirmed that ten aircraft were destroyed and others damaged.

It is now confirmed that as result of the engagement in the Kelcyre area which was announced in a communique on Monday three further Italian aircraft were destroyed.

In Italian East Africa, on Monday a motor transport yard near the station at Asmara was attacked by British bombers. Stores in a wood near Keren were also bombed, and in the same area on the previous day bombing attacks were made on the railway tracks.

In the Kalan area native troop concentrations were attacked by a South African Air Force squadron with high explosive and incendiary bombs. On February 7 a South African bombing squadron dive-bombed road bridges and a pontoon bridge at Dolo. This squadron then visited Lughferrandi where they destroyed hangars on the aerodrome.

From all operations all the aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Nocturne of London: Nazi Fire Raid

This striking picture was taken during the Nazi fire raid on the City of London, which was undertaken at a time when most of the office buildings in the area were locked up. Plenty of damage was done, but the lesson taught by the raid has been well learnt. Special measures were immediately taken to provide watchers and fire-fighters, and subsequent Nazi fire raids have proved unsuccessful.

Extension of War To Balkans Seen

100,000 Nazi Troops Said Flown to Bulgaria by Giant Air Transports

London, Feb. 12.

Morning newspapers today interpreted reports from Belgrade that 1,000 German aeroplanes had landed in Bulgaria as further indication the European conflict was about to spread in the Balkans.

The reports gave emphasis to the warning of Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, that the German air force was going into action from Bulgarian bases.

An estimated 100 planes flew over Budapest in the past 48 hours, according to reports from that capital. Reports from elsewhere indicated the planes had a capacity of 100 men each, which would put the German force in Bulgaria to 100,000 men.—United Press.

Over Thousand Said Arrived

London, Feb. 12.

Over 1,000 German planes had landed in Bulgaria up to yesterday, according to reports from sources in Belgrade usually considered reliable.

Most Bulgarian aerodromes, it was added, had been occupied by Nazi ground staffs.

Thousands of German troops in civilian clothes were stated to have entered Bulgaria from Rumania in the first weak of February, and some tanks were believed to have been brought up the Danube.—Reuter.

Planes Over Hungary

Budapest, Feb. 12.

Large squadrons of heavy German transport planes flew over Budapest yesterday, headed east.

Sixty planes—frequently employed to transport troops—were included in the group yesterday, the first sunny day after three days during which Hungary was blanketed with clouds and a heavy fog.

[United Press.

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Rome Faction Wants Peace

London, Feb. 12.

At a meeting in Rome on January 15 dissident Fascists decided to send Count Dino Grandi to England to sue for peace, according to a "reliable report" broadcast by the Athens radio last night.

The meeting was denounced to the police, who made many arrests, it was claimed. The participants were court-martialled and severely punished.—Reuter.

Speculation Rages Over Gen. Franco's Visit to Italy

Theories Range from Mediation Efforts Toward Armistice to Possibility of Gibraltar Drive

London, Feb. 12.

EXTREMELY divergent reports are being circulated in the American press and over the radio about the purpose of General Franco's visit to Italy. So few facts are available that speculation varies between an armistice between Italy and Britain and a drive against Gibraltar.

The Columbia Broadcasting System's correspondent in Vichy last night thought the visit might result in an armistice through mediation of Marshal Petain and Gen. Franco, who he says were expected to meet British representatives in southern France.

The "New York Times" correspondent says it is rumoured in Vichy that Gen. Franco and Signor Mussolini will consider proposals that have been put forward for mediation in the European conflict which may result in general cessation of hostilities.

There is no confirmation of these American reports in London where they are described as purely speculative and they should be accepted with all reserve.—Reuter.

Germans Say "Try Rome"

Berlin, Feb. 12.

Authorized German quarters today expressed amusement when asked regarding the American report from Vichy suggesting that Italo-British peace negotiations might be started. They stated that nothing was known of such a plan here and suggested that Rome would be "the proper place for inquiry and for a denial."—United Press.

Meeting Arranged

Zurich, Feb. 12.

A conference on Italy's African collapse and the Franco-German crisis may occur today, possibly at the Riviera, between Chancellor Hitler, Premier Mussolini, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, French Premier, and Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain, according to reports reaching here.

The meeting was said to be planned for 11 a.m.

Generalissimo Franco was said to have crossed the frontier into France at 8 a.m. via Barcelona.—United Press.

Petain Leaves Vichy

Vichy, Feb. 11.

Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of State, left Vichy by special train at 6.30 p.m. today for his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet, on the Riviera.

The Marshal, who was dressed in mufti, was accompanied by Mme. Petain, General Laure, his Secretary-General, Dr. Menetrel, head of his private secretariat, and Major Bonhomme, his orderly officer.

Only light baggage was placed on the train, leading to the belief that the Marshal's stay away from Vichy will be a short one.

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Rumanians Fear For Oil Fields

Apprehension Said Felt Over Possible Bombing Raids by British

London, Feb. 12.

Diplomatic advices to London today revealed a growing fear in Rumania that the British soon might bomb Rumanian oil fields.

A diplomatic spokesman remarked that the Rumanian apprehensions "seemed understandable."

Observers recalled that following German occupation of Denmark the British bombed Danish military objectives.—United Press.

Black-out Ordered

Zurich, Feb. 12.

A black-out has been ordered in all big towns in Rumania and in oil-fields, states a Bucharest dispatch to the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."—Reuter.

British Leaving on Saturday

Bucharest, Feb. 12.

The British Minister to Rumania, Sir Reginald Hoare, and members of the Legation and consular staffs are preparing to leave the country by a special steamer on Saturday.

It is understood that persons of certain alien missions will leave with them. The party will consist of about 50 British and 40 alien officials, as well as some 50 British civilians.

The steamer, which will be flying a British flag, will pick up the Minister and his party at Constanza.—Reuter.

Belgians Recall Minister

London, Feb. 12.

The Belgian Government has decided to recall the Belgian Minister to Rumania, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent is informed.

Vicomte Parc, the Belgian Minister, will leave Bucharest without delay.—Reuter.

Train Smash Near Bulgarian Border

Belgrade, Feb. 12.

Eight people were killed and many injured when a train, including 40 oil tanks and cars destined for Germany, was derailed at midnight on Monday near the Bulgarian frontier station of Dragoman, about half a mile from the Yugoslav frontier.

Fires broke out, causing heavy damage to the train and the line, a large section of which was destroyed. Traffic is temporarily suspended.—Reuter.

Willkie Confers With Roosevelt

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Wendell L. Willkie, Republican party leader, conferred with President Roosevelt last night, shortly after testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

Mr. Willkie declined to comment on details of the discussion, but, asked concerning rumours he might take a national defence production post, replied: "There's never been a suggestion about that."—United Press.

U.S. Aid Unaffected By War in Pacific

Pres. Roosevelt States Supplies to Britain Would Continue

Washington, Feb. 12.

At a press conference yesterday, President Roosevelt answered a question which had been in many minds here for many months, when he stated very deliberately that if the United States were forced into war in the Far East it would have no effect on the deliveries of war materials to Great Britain.

The President then firmly discouraged supplementary questions on speculations, but it seemed very obvious that the answer to such supplementary questions was that the Navy in the Pacific was perfectly capable of taking care of itself and fighting a naval war in the Pacific, while American industry continues to grind out material for Britain.

Another straw in the wind at yesterday's press conference was the President's reference to the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

Asked when Admiral Nomura would present his credentials, Mr. Roosevelt said he thought today (Wednesday).—Reuter.

Willkie Asks Passage of Aid Bill

U.S. Declared Threatened With War If Nazis Won

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Party leader, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, yesterday emphasized that the "only way to render aid quickly enough" to Great Britain was to pass the Aid to the Democracies Bill, with modifications.

Mr. Willkie said, under interrogation, that if Britain should collapse tomorrow the United States would be in the war within 30 days or "within a short period."

Mr. Willkie, who has just returned from a trip to Britain, where he saw the country under fire, also urged that the United States provide Britain with five or 10 destroyers per month.

Mr. Willkie recommended that the bill be limited to aiding Britain, China and Greece "because these were the only countries at present subject to aggression."

He also recommended that Congress retain power to allocate aid to any nations besides Britain, China and Greece, and urged inclusion of a time-limit to the bill and retention of Congressional prerogative to terminate the President's extraordinary authority merely by passage of a joint resolution.

The Bill already possesses this feature in the House version.

"We Are Not Safe"

Mr. Fiorello La Guardia, New York's mayor, the second witness before the Committee, urged enactment of the bill "for purely selfish American interests."

Mayor La Guardia warned the Senators against believing "we are absolutely safe."

"We are not now," he said. "It's not in the cards that we be left alone. Hitler has been very frank. So has his partner, Mussolini. Both need expansion. Europe cannot provide it."

"Materials, Not Credits"

Mr. Willkie stressed that many members of Congress should support the broad objectives of the bill, but said he was "sincerely disturbed by its broad grant of powers." Hence, he said, any unnecessary authority should be deleted.

The Republican leader rejected the suggestion that Congress provide billions of dollars of credits, because, he said, credits alone were ineffective in providing the materials needed.

"If we adopt a policy of aid to Britain, it is highly necessary that such aid be effective—the rendering of ineffective aid would be disastrous ....and would give Hitler just as good a pretext against us as effective aid.

"Moreover," he said, "if our aid is ineffective, Britain may go down."

Isolationism Condemned

Mr. Willkie emphasized that adoption of the isolationist policy by the United States would be disastrous because thereupon "Britain may have grave difficulty in surviving."

"No man can say now whether or not Britain can win this war....but we know if she is defeated totalitarian armies will control the world.... Europe and probably most of Africa and may also control the Atlantic Ocean....Under those circumstances, Germany probably will make a drive —military or economic—on Latin America.

"Perhaps Japan also may make a drive southward towards the East Indies. Thus the United States would be ringed by totalitarian powers, using totalitarian methods of trade, unfriendly to the United States and not reluctant to fight."

Mr. Willkie said Britain also needed long-range bombers, "particularly the patrol type, known as PBY....These can be of enormous assistance in patrolling the seas and supplementing destroyers' work off the British coast."

The Republican leader said United States' aviation programme would provide Britain with meagre help in 1941 and would not begin to give Britain air supremacy before 1942.—United Press.

U.S. Army Officers' Dependents Evacuating Philippines

Approximately 400 to Sail Within a Week; 125,000 Reservists to Be Called Up for Philippine Army

Manila, Feb. 12.

Approximately 400 wives and dependents of the U.S. Army officers in the Philippines will sail for the United States aboard the Army transports Etolin and Grant within a week as a result of Washington's evacuation "invitation," the U.S. army announced today.

Simultaneously, the Philippines Army announced that reserve officers will be called up for 14 days intensive training beginning on February 17. Enlisted members of the reserve will be called for 10 days training.

The order affects approximately 125,000 reservists. The last reservist training was held April 5, 1939.

The United States Army's plan to train 5,000 specially picked Philippine Reservists as well as increasing and closer U.S. Army supervision over the Philippine Army's training have necessitated an increase in U.S. officers here. The Army Air Corps here also is expanding rapidly.

The 5,000 picked Filipino reservists will be enrolled for one year's training in the U.S. Army's native branch —the Philippine Scouts.

Reserve Army officers are expected here aboard six U.S. Army transports other than the Grant and Etolin and which are en route to the Philippines at present, reliable sources reported. They are bringing supplies in addition to reserve officers, these sources said.

On their return trip the six transports, they added, would be used to evacuate other dependents of the U.S. Army here. The first group of 400 dependents of the U.S. Army officers will sail for home aboard the Etolin and Grant within a week, but no actual date for the sailing of the vessels has yet been announced. Husbands of the first group of evacuees are due to end their tour of duty in the next six months. The officers, however, have been ordered to remain in the Philippines after their tour ends, it was learned.

Observers recalled that the U.S. Navy already had evacuated wives and dependents from the Philippines but that the coming evacuation would be the first mass army affair. Army authorities formerly had said dependents would remain in the Philippines even in the event of a crisis.—United Press.

Germany is Trying to Bring Japan Into War, London Circles Believe

Simultaneously with a Spring Offensive Japan Might Attack N.E.I., Malaya

London, Feb. 12.

It is learned that well-informed quarters in London are closely watching the strenuous efforts which Hitler is making to bring Japan into the war in order to relieve the pressure on himself as a result of Italy's collapse.

The German game is that simultaneously with a Spring offensive against Britain, Japan would attack the Dutch East Indies and Malaya with a view to diverting the British fleet and resources.

As an inducement to Japan to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for Germany, Hitler is believed to have promised Tokyo that he can persuade Moscow to conclude a non-aggression pact with Japan in order to relieve the latter's fears for her rear when the action in southern waters begins.

While a small extreme pro-Axis faction in Japan would doubtless support Hitler, it is believed here that there is increasing opposition among the best elements in Japan to further perilous adventures on behalf of the Nazis, who would be quite indifferent to what happened to Japan so long as their own object was secured.—Reuter.

Great Significance Attached To Roosevelt Comment

Observers Believe U.S. Navy Would Conduct War In Orient Leaving Factories to Aid Britain

Washington, Feb. 12.

DIPLOMATIC observers here yesterday considered President Roosevelt's comment at a press conference regarding possibilities of United States' involvement in war in the Far East as one of the most important observations by the President in many weeks.

President Roosevelt cautioned reporters against drawing inferences in their accounts of his remark but observers widely reached certain conclusions regarding the remark's significance.

The President, in response to a question, said that if the United States should happen to get into war in the Pacific it would have no effect on American deliveries of war materials to Britain. Observers attached significance to the remark for the following reasons:

First, that American factories and shipping, could, in case of war in the Far East, continue to concentrate virtually all energies to productions and shipment of materials to England.

Second, in view of the foregoing, it was assumed the U.S. would rely chiefly on the Navy to conduct a Far Eastern war, because otherwise vast quantities of materials would be needed to supply armies in Far Eastern operations and a vast merchant marine would be needed to transport them.

Third, if the Navy would be the chief weapon in such a war then it would be a war mainly of blockade, accentuated by the most stringent economic and financial controls which the U.S. could apply to that end.

Fourth, observers assumed that President Roosevelt does not expect the United States to take the initiative in making war in the Far East but would act only if Japan pressed too strongly upon U.S. interests in that region.

Many correspondents obtained the impression that the question was prepared in advance, with the President's knowledge, in order to enable him to make public an assertion on the subject. This assumption arose partly from the manner in which he responded, partly from the fact that it was a hypothetical question against which he has a severe rule at press conferences, and finally, because the question was asked by a reporter for a newspaper owned by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy.

The general impression was that President Roosevelt wanted this knowledge of his policy published in order to reach the ears of Japanese leaders who may be deciding whether to attempt to attack Singapore or the Netherlands East Indies simultaneously with a German attack on England.—United Press.

British Press Sees Japan As Hitler's Cat's-Paw

Germany Hopes to Tempt and Cheat Japan Into War With Britain, U.S.A. But Unable to Help Japan

London, Feb. 12.

"SOME grim amusement will be felt at the latest action of the Japanese Government in introducing a bill empowering the Navy to direct all shipping in war-time," says the "Daily Telegraph."

"Japan has been in the war with China under a series of transient embarrassed governments so long that it is hardly credible that the navy lacks any war-time powers which the Diet can confer. The measure would seem to be one more formulation of the familiar threats of Mr. Matsuoka to British and American interests.

"Mr. Matsuoka has sometimes used a different voice and protested that Japan does not want to risk a new war for the sake of her aspirations. The voice of truculence, which is a close imitation of Hitler's, is required from him by the militarist faction. The other voice confesses the justice of opposition of a large number of Japanese people to a quarrel with America and the British Commonwealth.

"It is assuredly one of Hitler's most cherished hopes that he will be able to tempt and cheat Japan into war with the British Empire and the United States. By Nazi calculations such a conflict would give him means to a decisive victory in Europe through division of our forces and diversion of American munitions from us to the Pacific front, but we need feel no alarm at a dream of a simultaneous massed onslaught all round the world. Such grandiose conceptions are beyond human power to realize. Yet we must be prepared for storms in the East.

"The temper in which the Empire confronts the threat was well expressed yesterday by the Australian Labour leader Mr. Curtin, when in pronouncing the Berlin Rome-Tokyo Axis no mere phrase he declared 'We must play our part to the full.'

U.S. Attitude

"Feeling in the United States has declared itself most plainly against any yielding to the truculence of Japan. With the best of the Japanese army and material held in the morass of war with China the militarists may well think hard before a final invitation of Hitler with a gamble for 'world power or downfall.'"

"The Times" says the war against China is far from being finished and there are signs that the present leaders of Japan may drive the Japanese people into a new war. "It is perfectly plain that no foreign country is thinking of attacking Japan yet her rulers are making fresh preparations to conduct a war at sea and increasingly declaring their interest in affairs in the southern Pacific.

"It seems hardly credible that responsible statesmen can be so infatuated as to believe that ill success in one war can be retrieved by starting another. It turning attention to the area of the Pacific where French, Dutch and British interests are predominant there is no doubt Japan is playing the German game at the bidding of Berlin. It would suit Germany very well to see British and Dutch resources being expended in a struggle in the Far East. Fortunately the tricks of Hitlerian statecraft are pretty well known and Britain everywhere is well prepared.

"The misfortune is that Japanese leaders still seem willing to allow themselves to be used as cat's-paws disregarding the fate of other countries which hitched their wagons to the German star. Doubtless some of them believe the present is a rare opportunity to snatch territory from nations heavily engaged elsewhere. Other countries have thought the same but the idea has brought them no luck. It is easy to see how Japan may try to serve Germany, it is not so easy to see how Germany can help Japan."—Reuter.

Admiral Nomura In Washington

Says War Not Inevitable But U.S. Understimating Japan's Real Strength

Washington, Feb. 12.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, new Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., arrived yesterday and was welcomed by about 100 members of the New York and Washington Japanese communities, members of the staffs of Axis Embassies and representatives of the United States State Department.—United Press.

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Washington, Feb. 11.

Admiral Nomura was met by Mr. George T. Summerlin, Chief of the Protocol of the State Department representing Secretary of State Cordell Hull and other State Department officials and diplomats.

The entire staff of the Japanese Embassy and many local Japanese residents were also on hand to greet the new envoy.

Admiral Nomura and other members of the party motored to the Japanese Embassy where Kigensetsu ceremonies took place.

Admiral Nomura, after posing cheerfully for photographers, told Japanese newspapermen he was impressed by the warm personal reception received everywhere since reaching Hawaii.

He emphasized, however, that he was deeply aware of the difficulties confronting Japanese-American relations due to the clash of policies in China and elsewhere.

War Said Avoidable

Admiral Nomura who presided over the Kigensetsu cermonies which were attended by a large number of local Japanese residents, admitted the danger lying ahead, but rejected the view that war was unavoidable.

The new envoy, however, stated that Americans were gravely underestimating Japan's real strength.

He said he expected to pay the first official call on Secretary of State Cordell Hull tomorrow, after which arrangements would be made to present credentials to President Roosevelt during the latter part of the week.—Domei.

U.S.-Canadian Defence Plans Complete

Washington, Feb. 12.

Complete plans now exist for the joint defence of the United States and Canada. This was told to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by Mayor La Guardia, chairman of the American members of the United States—Canada Defence Board. Mayor La Guardia said that the plans embrace tactics and questions of territory and the co-ordination of forces.—Reuter.

Japanese Demand Said Rejected by French

No Approval of "Japan's Dominating Position"

London, Feb. 12.

The French delegation taking part in peace talks with Thai representatives in Tokyo is reported to have rejected a demand by Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, to acknowledge officially "Japan's dominating position in Asia whereby she is the only Power qualified to assure and maintain order in the countries in this part of the world."

The French were willing to acknowledge in principle "Japan's special position in Asia" after conclusion of an honourable peace with Thai but they refused to undertake to give "Japan all facilities" in view of possible action in southern Asia whether against the Netherlands Indies or British possessions.—Reuter.

Sumita in Bangkok

Bangkok, Feb. 12.

Major-General Raishiro Sumita, chief of the Japanese military mission to French Indo-China, arrived here last night following an inspection of the Thai-Indo-China frontier where, the Japanese legation said, there still were minor clashes between French and Thai patrols.

Gen. Sumita said the patrols were "too close together," but that he believed frontier problems could be settled amicably according to the truce agreement signed at Saigon January 31.

Gen. Sumita said he would leave tomorrow for Indo-China.

An hour after the original truce agreement time limit expired there had been no official announcement here regarding a two week extension as was reported from Tokyo and Saigon.

The truce provided that extensions could be made on agreement by both sides.

The Council of Ministers met this morning, however, and it was expected that an announcement would be issued.

Meanwhile, rumours circulated here that five Japanese warships were in the Gulf of Siam, within Thai territorial waters.—United Press.

Ex-Cathedral School Boys Meet

Annual Subscription Increased to $5

About twenty members attended the Cathedral School Old Boy's Association Annual General Meeting held in the school yesterday evening. It was decided at the meeting to increase the subscription from $3 to $5 per annum, and in addition to have a life membership fee of $100.

The meeting opened at 5.30 p.m., and after the notice convening the gathering and the minutes of the 1940 annual general meeting had been read by Mr. R. N. Bryant, the Secretary, the accounts for the year were passed unanimously. Mr. J. W. Dearn, the Chairman, then called on Mr. A. K. Brown to read a report on the comforts fund for ex-Cathedral School boys with H.M. Services. Mr. Brown explained that although it was known that 71 ex-Cathedral school boys were serving, the addresses of only 21 had been received, and asked members to assist in him finding the others.

After this report it was proposed that the subscription should be raised from $3 to $5 per annum, and after some discussion this was passed. It was pointed out that The "Cloister", organ of the school, now cost $1.50, and that the subscrition did not meet the cost of supplying this to members. In addition a life membership fee of $100 was proposed and approved by the gathering.

Officers for the forthcoming year were then elected, it being decided to re-elect Mr. H. E. Harris as President. Mr. A. K. Brown was elected Chairman, Mr. C. H. Hodgman as Honorary Secretary and other committee members as follows:—Messrs. A. J. Harvey, J. W. Dearn and L. C. Boyd.

It was again decided to hold a dinner, for the annual function, a tentative date for this being set at April 2. After a vote of thanks for Mr. R. N. Bryant, Hon. Secretary for the past year, the gathering broke up.

Arms-Making Equipment Arrives in India

New Delhi, Feb. 12.

The largest of its type in India, when erected, a 2,000-ton gun-forging press has been received for a factory. Several important items required for the expansion of ordnance factories have also arrived.—Reuter.

De Gaulle Leaders To Tour Orient

Guy de Schompre Pleased By Enormous Number of Sympathizers

Singapore, Feb. 12.

M. Guy de Schompre, representative in the Far East of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, will visit Free French committees in the Philippine Islands, Hongkong, China and other parts of the Orient early this year.

Since establishing his headquarters in Singapore, he has been busy getting in touch with Free French activities in various parts of the Far East and in organizing the movement in this part of the world in accordance with advice and instructions received from Gen. de Gaulle's office in London.

He is very satisfied with the evidence thus far forthcoming of support for the movement among French citizens in the countries concerned. Free French committees now exist in Malaya, Hongkong, Shanghai, Manila and support has been forthcoming from Frenchmen in the Netherlands Indies, Thailand and other parts of the East.

"I estimate that 100 per cent. of Frenchmen in the East are at one with us in hating the Germans and in wanting to be free from the German domination of France," said M. de Schompre in an interview. "Many Frenchmen who secretly wish us well feel that they cannot jeopardise their own personal careers and their business to come out in the open as de Gaulle supporters, and I think I can say that we sympathize with them in their dilemma."

M. de Schompre said that there was a steady stream of volunteers for the Free French forces passing through Singapore from various parts of the Far East.—Reuter.

*Extension of War To Balkans Seen

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The wording of this despatch might contain the hint that such plane movements had been going on previously, but had been interrupted by bad weather during the past few days.—United Press.

Communications Cut

Ankara, Feb. 11.

Telephone communications between Turkey and the rest of Europe were cut off today.—Havas.

Soviet Observer for Sofia

Vichy, Feb. 12.

General Samolcis, Soviet military attache in Belgrade, has left for Sofia, according to a French official dispatch.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Apologizes to U.S.

Sofia, Feb. 12.

The Bulgarian Foreign Office yesterday expressed "sincerest regrets" over the action of Bulgarian police in taking up the diplomatic passport of an American diplomatic courier, Mr. Raymond J. Leddy, who was en route to Istanbul from Sofia.

Mr. George Earle, United States Minister to Bulgaria, strongly protested to the Foreign Office over the action.

The Foreign Office explained that the passport was taken by military police at Plovdiv, who falsely accused Mr. Leddy of photographing in a military zone.

M. Ivan Popoff, Foreign Minister, promised further investigation would be made of the incident but it was announced that the incident now was considered closed.

Mr. Leddy, despite the action of police at Plovdiv, continued on his journey and entered Turkey without a passport, it was understood.—United Press.

Turks Angered

Istanbul, Feb. 11.

The press today unanimously assailed Bulgarian policy without hinting, however, as to Turkey's intentions if Germany would occupy Bulgaria.

The newspaper "Oratpolitika" charged that Nazis were pouring steadily into Bulgaria with their officers declaring, our goal is the Bosphorus and the Mediterranean."

The Government remained silent, apparently waiting for developments before committing itself. Some foreign observers believe that Turkey would not move unless directly attacked.—Domei.

Greeks to Leave Bulgaria

London, Feb. 12.

The Greek Legation in Sofia has requested Greek women and children who are living in Bulgaria to return to Greece, according to a cable from Sofia to the French Information Bureau in London.—Reuter.

U.S. Naval Observer At Darwin Named

Sydney, Feb. 11.

Commander Marshall Collins, retired, of the United States Navy was appointed naval observer at Darwin, by the United States Navy Department, the Ministry of External Affairs announced today. Commander Collins was already en route to Australia, it was revealed.—Domei.

Latham Sees Matsuoka

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

Sir John Latham, Australian Minister, visited the Foreign Office this afternoon and had a lengthy conference with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka. It is understood they discussed in general terms relations between Australia and Japan.—Reuter.

Rear-Admiral Dies

London, Feb. 12.

The death on active service of Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald is announced today. His death occurred in December at the age of 52. In July last year he was invested by the King with the Companionship of the Bath for "distinguished services in command of a naval expeditionary force carrying out special mine-laying operations."—Reuter.

Australian Bombers for Northern Malaya

Singapore, Feb. 12.

Formations of Royal Australian Air Force bombers have left Singapore to reinforce stations in northern Malaya, it was announced today.

The transfers were similar to those of R.A.F. Blenheim bomber formations which previously had been sent to northern Malayan stations.

An announcement on Monday that the Blenheims had been sent north explained the transfer was made possible because of recent increases in air strength at Singapore.—United Press.

*Speculation Over Franco's Visit

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On hand at the station to see the Chief of State off were Admiral François Darlan, the Vice-Premier, General Leon Huntziger, the War Minister, M. Marcel Peyrouton, the Home Minister, and M. Jean Berthelot, the Minister of Communications.—Havas.

Troops Land at Gibraltar

Algeciras, Feb. 11.

Two British transports, filled with troops and war material, arrived in Gibraltar this afternoon.—Havas.

Franco to Meet Petain

Vichy, Feb. 11.

A reliable source confirmed today that General Francisco Franco, the Spanish Chief of State, and Senor Ramon Serrano Suner, the Spanish Foreign Minister, both of whom crossed southern France this morning on their way to Italy, will confer with Signor Mussolini and, possibly, with Herr Hitler.

On their way back to Madrid, the two Spanish statesmen will see Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of the French State, who left Vichy this evening for his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet, near Antibes, on the French Riviera.

While there was no definite information as to the object of General Franco's hurried trip to Italy, varied rumours were current here tonight with regard to Spain's future role in face of the new war developments in the Mediterranean.

Opposite Views

Some politicians contended that Spain would be an ideal mediator between Great Britain and Italy, since she is on friendly terms with Rome while at the same time entertaining amicable relations with London.

Others pointed out that the conference of the two dictators—with Chancellor Hitler possibly attending—might be the forerunner of a larger consultation between the leaders of the European Axis powers on the eve of the much-heralded great offensive against Britain.

Vichy Government quarters maintained a reserved stand, refusing to make the slightest comment, while semi-official spokesmen refrained from either confirming or denying the suppositions indulged in by the press.

Neutrality Stand

They merely recalled that Spain's international position since the European war was defined at first by General Franco himself on September 4, 1939, when he solemnly proclaimed Spain's neutrality in the European conflict. At that time, he insisted that Spain would remain neutral "so long as the conflict does not directly affect her vital and moral interests in the Mediterranean and in Africa."

Throughout that year, and until June 1940, General Franco reiterated that his country would abide by this neutrality. Spain's attitude was developed in many government-inspired editorials published in the newspapers ABC and Arriba, the latter being the official organ of the Spanish Phalanx.

When Italy declared war on France and Great Britain in June 1940, General Franco altered Spain's neutral stand into one of "non-belligerency." This announcement was followed by a number of semi-official comments which specified that the declaration of non-belligerency did not mean that Spain favoured one of the parties at war, but merely placed herself in a state of "emergency."

Early last fall, direct conversations between Germany, Italy and Spain took place. Senor Serrano Suner went to Berlin where he saw the Fuehrer and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, several times. He then made a trip to Rome, where he met Signor Mussolini and Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Finally, on the eve of the Petain-Hitler meeting at Montoire on October 23 last year, General Franco himself, leaving Spanish soil for the the first time since his assumption of power, went to Hendaye, just across the Franco-Spanish border, to meet the Fuehrer.

Events in the Mediterranean have taken another turn during the past few weeks, General Franco apparently decided to consult Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini once more, and to take advantage of this trip in order to meet Marshal Petain.

The Spanish and French statesmen know each other well, Marshal Petain having been appointed the first French Ambassador to General Franco's Government at the end of the Spanish civil war.—Havas.

French Leaders to Meet

Vichy, Feb. 12.

Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, and M. Marcel Peyrouton, Minister of the Interior, left Vichy this morning to participate in French-Spanish conversations tomorrow afternoon at the French Riviera.

The two ministers will join Marshal Philippe Petain, General Francisco Franco and Sr. Ramon Serrano Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, probably at Marshal Petain's refreat at Vileneuve-Loubet.

French officials said they had no knowledge of reports that Anglo-Italian peace talks would take place at the French Riviera. They said the report perhaps resulted from confusion arising over the Spanish Premier's trip to Italy.—United Press.

Peace Talks Unlikely

London, Feb. 12.

"The war against Italy will continue with increasing rather than diminishing force," is the categorical fashion in which an authoritative spokesman in London dismissed reports that Britain would be prepared to discuss a separate peace with Italy.

Little importance is attached to the meeting of the Spanish and Italian leaders, and it is considered that it is merely a courtesy visit of Generalissimo Franco to an old friend.—Reuter

Shanghai's First Taste of Snow

Weather Expected to Clear This Afternoon; Hundreds Helped by Salvation Army

Shanghai donned a white mantle of snow for the first time this winter yesterday when the temperature took a sudden drop and a strong westerly wind sprang up. An icy cold wind and rain greeted city travellers in the morning, and shortly after noon hail preceded a light fall of snow. A high tide on the Whangpoo coincided with an especially heavy downpour of rain to cause minor floods in many parts of Shanghai. As usual, the area around Sincere's and Wing On's was the most heavily affected, while roads in the Gordon Road, Hongkew and Western districts were also slightly under water. A great part of the Race Course was under water during the afternoon.

Siccawei predicted yesterday that there would be quite heavy falls of snow throughout the night and this morning, but that conditions would improve towarus the afternoon, and that the weather would probably be clear by the evening.

The change in conditions was attributed to a depression over the Shanghai area and the Eastern Sea.

Thick, White Mantle

The light fall of snow, which started at about 3 p.m. yesterday, stopped about two hours later, but resumed again after six, covering Shanghai's streets with a thick white mantle. The busier streets, however, did not gain by the snowfall, since continuous traffic made the roads slippery and dirty, but smaller thoroughfares, where only slight vehicular traffic is evident, presented many with a long-awaited sight of the city under snow. Particularly pretty was the Holy Trinity Cathedral, with the trees and roof wearing coats of white.

Another impressive sight was from one of the high downtown apartment buildings. Looking down on the two-storeyed Chinese houses, one saw a big white blanket, with electric lights to give the snow a more brilliant aspect.

The western district and the parks, both in the Settlement and the French Concession, appeared to be covered with more snow than any other place in Shanghai, the Public Garden on the Bund presenting a pretty sight.

But, if thousands of youngsters looked forward to the snow, thousands found it just another misery more to endure. These were particularly the numberless beggars of Shanghai, for whom the white mantle bore no attraction. Hungary and homeless, they slept by thousands in the streets either on the pavements or at the entrances to shops and large buildings. Scores of them die daily and yesterday's snow just added to the number of deaths.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, however, was on the job and hundreds of homeless and starving unfortunates, shivering in the doorways and passages, had been picked up and sent to the beggar camp to swell the number of inmates to well over 1,200.

The Army's Rice Bus went around the Central district, Yates Road and many of the other streets of the city, feeding the poor. Two, however, were in need of neither food nor shelter, having died from exposure before help could be rendered them.

One woman was found in such a pitiable state that she was immediately taken to a beggar camp, where she was given immediate medical treatment. Her condition, however, was considered almost hopeless.

Others to suffer from the sudden change of weather were Chinese farmers in areas surrounding the city. The snow and the cold weather, it was said, would ruin their crops.

Naval Spokesman Denies Chungking Report

Counteracting Chungking reports concerning the death of Admiral Mineo Osumi, Supreme War Councillor, and his party involved in an aeroplane accident on February 5, Commander Naoaki Hazama, Japanese Naval spokesman in Shanghai, issued a statement last evening.

The statement says that bluejackets, early on the morning of February 7, effected a landing on the southern foot of Hwangyang mountain, reached the wreckage and recovered the bodies. The remains of the wrecked plane were received aboard a Japanese naval vessel on the same day. The lying-in-state services were held on the morning of February 8.

"China's Finances are Better Than Japan's"

Manila, Feb. 12.

Mr. R. T. Chen, director of economic research of the Central Bank of China and editor of the "China Quarterly," told the press here today that the Sino-Japanese war was being fought "more on the financial front and will probably be decided there." He added that China's financial staying power was one of the most important factors in China's successful prosecution of the war.—United Press.

China's Debt

Chungking, Feb. 12.

China's total domestic indebtedness since the commencement of the present war amounts to $1,778,000,000, or less than $20 per capita of the population, according to figures published in a financial review released here, which states that the amount of China's loans outstanding on the eve of the war was $4,300,000,000.—Reuter.

Premier Denies Peace Discussed

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, today said that none of the representatives of the United States Government that he had seen or corresponded with had discussed peace.—United Press.

Chinese Coy. S.V.C. Honours Col. Hornby

Presentation Made After Farewell Parade

Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C., attended the farewell parade of the Chinese and Interpreter Companies, S.V.C., held in his honour yesterday evening at the Drill Hall on the occasion of his retirement upon completion of his service as Commandant of the Shanghai Voluteer Corps. Major Z. Y. Chen was in command of the parade and received the retiring Commandant in review order.

The turn-out of the personnel of the two units was most excellent in spite of the chilly and unfavourable weather. They fell in at 5.30 and the units, soon after, were formed into Companies in line facing south with Chinese Co. in front in charge of Lieut. H. E. Yu and the Interpreter Co. in the rear in charge of Lieut. D. K. Wong. Colonel Hornby, accompanied by Major T. A. Zee, arrived promptly at 6.30, when Major Chen ordered the units under his command to give a "General Salute."

After inspection, Colonel Hornby was accompanied by Major Chen to the Officers' Mess at the S.V.C. Club where a cocktail party was held in his honour and attended by Lieut.-Col. G. H. Mann, M.C., Deputy Commandant, Major H. S. Bartley and Captain J. Moffat and the Officers of the two units.

Prize-distribution followed the cocktail party later at the S.V.C. Gymnasium where all the personnel of the two units gathered after having piled their arms in the Drill Hall Colonel Hornby was requested to distribute prizes and long service medals. Recipients of the long service medals include Lieut. D. K. Wong, Acting C.S.M. M. S. Liu, Sergt. J. T. Yih, Corpl. H. T. Liu, Corpl. T. S. Kao, L/Corpls. Y. T. Dzung, Q. P. Sing and Private S. P. Ting, while 148 members were awarded prizes won by them during the past year in various competitions.

After the prize-distribution, Major Chen thanked the Commandant for his attendance both at the parade and the prize-distribution, and also expressed gratitude, on behalf of all ranks of the two units, for his guidance and able leadership during the tenure of his office. Major Chen concluded his speech by the presentation of a souvenir to Colonel Hornby, in the form of a silver flask, which was accompanied by the best wishes of all ranks for his health and success in his future career.

Colonel Hornby made a short speech, highly praising the smart turn-out and efficiency of the two units both in time of peace and during mobilizations, and, in accepting the presentation, he thanked Major Chen and all ranks of the two units for same. Three cheers for Colonel Hornby brought the happy occasion to a conclusion.

Genoa Raiders Said Back in Gibraltar

Rome Claims British Navy "Avoided" Engagement

La Linea, Feb. 11.

The British naval squadron which bombed Genoa on February 9 returned to Gibraltar at 2.30 p.m. today, it was reported here.

The squadron was composed of the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal, the battle-cruiser Renown and the battleship Malaya, the heavy cruiser Sheffield, two light cruisers and several destroyers.

One of the battleships was seen to have sustained some slight damage to her control turret.—Havas.

Rome's Challenge!

Rome, Feb. 11.

The British squadron operating in the north Mediterranean Sea, "avoided battle" with the Italian Fleet after shelling Genoa Sunday, the Italian press claimed today.

Reports in newspapers here asserted that the Italian Fleet at Genoa steamed out when advised that the British were attacking, but that the British shunned an engagement, being "satisfied with murdering the city population."—Domei.

French Stop Japanese Unloading Stores

Bases in Thailand Said Secured by Japan

Saigon, Feb. 12.

Attempts by the Japanese to unload military equipment and aviation petrol from a cruiser here in the past three days were blocked by the French authorities who protested against the Japanese action, reliable quarters said today.

The French protest apparently came after uniformed ground crews were landed on Sunday and transported to the Saigon airfield to tend seven Japanese aircraft, four commercial liners and three military planes. ground crews brought enough equipment for an extended stay.

Meanwhile, an unimpeachable foreign diplomatic source told the United Press that "I possess information confirmed by the highest quarters that Siam already has agreed to give the Japanese naval and air bases in Thailand."

He added that Bangkok was one the airfields included in the deal and that several Japanese bombers already were stationed there.

He also said that he had unconfirmed information indicating that Thailand would join Japan's new order in East Asia programme as soon as peace between Thailand and Indo-China is signed at Tokyo. He believed that the Japanese would induce Thailand to sign a pact of mutual assistance

Meanwhile, Japanese naval units were reported by authoritative quarters to be patrolling waters off Indo-China and Thailand.—United Press

B.R.A. Stamp Sale Is Great Success

Wide Variety of Issues Offered; Many Valuable Sets Sold

One of the most attractive stamp sales ever to have been held here took place yesterday afternoon with the third auction by the sub-committee of the B. R. A. in aid of the Voluntary War Contribution Fund when the proceeds totalled $9,334.

Many stamps of outstanding value were sold and bidding was keen and brisk attesting to the popularity of the auctions among local philatelists. Mr. Calder who conducted the previous auctions was the auctioneer yesterday.

The stamps were sent to the sub-committee in response to appeals by the B. R. A. for used and unused issues for auction. Stamp collectors were offered a wide and infinite variety including stamps from Ceylon, China, Hongkong and Newfoundland including many rareties.

Preparations fo yesterday's auction were made many days in advance following the success attending the two previous sales. The auction was held in the rooms of the Shanghai Philatelic Society on the fourth floor of the Arnhold Building, 320 Szechuen Road.

With a catalogue value of nearly £430 the majority of the stamps auctioned came from one donor and reserve prices were placed on many of the issues totalling nearly a quarter of the catalogue. The total proceeds will revert to the War Fund.

The total number of stamps offered for sale was 933 and total reserves placed were $5,055. Prior to the auction the stamps were placed on view at Messrs. Kelley and Welsh on Nanking Road, when booked bids were accepted from those unable to attend the auction.

Iron Guard Revolt Killed 374

Berlin, Feb. 12.

Quoting the official Rumanian report, a Bucharest depatch by the official German news agency says that total casualties in the Iron Guard revolt at the end of January were 374 people killed. The report adds that injured numbered 380.

The despatch adds that 236 civilians were killed and 254 injured in Bucharest, while 117 were killed and 73 injured in the provinces.—Reuter.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Mirette; 2, Nagasaki.
Also ran:—Boxing Fan, State Lottery, Wychwood Abbot, Se You Kee.
5 lengths.—Time, 18.86.
Win, $13. Forecast 2-3 Div. $40.80.
Place, 1st $7.30; 2nd $6.20.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Black Mask; 2, Yeoman Corporal.
Also ran:—Maskee Lose, Assurance, Talgai Junior, Woodlark.
13 lengths.—Time, 26.86.
Win, $10.20. Forecast 5-4 Div. $74.3.
Place, 1st $7.70; 2nd $28.90.
Double Event 1/2 2-5 Div. $13.60.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Little Moira; 2, Summer Swallow.
Also ran:—Le Butin, Mr. Hattagee, Lorelei, Golden Rock.
Short head.—Time, 27.06.
Win, $15. Forecast 4-2 Div. $112.30.
Place, 1st $13.40; 2nd $17.30.
Double Event 2/3 5-4 Div. $15.30.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Triumphant Tom; 2, Shenkoland II.
Also ran:—Blurney Stone, Major, Don't Falter, Countess Verde.
2½ lengths.—Time, 31.11.
Win, $13.40. Forecast 6-1 Div. $101.90.
Place, 1st $6.70; 2nd $15.50.
Double Event 3/4 4-6 Div. $23.80.

5—100 yd. flat.—1, Jubilee Queen; 2, Captain Cora.
Also ran:—Belle O'Siccawei, Fine Beauty, Sou Mei, Black Opal.
A head.—Time, 30.52.
Win, $162.10. Forecast 2-5 Div. $665.
Place, 1st $28.60; 2nd $13.80.
Double Event 4/5 6-2 Div. $83.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Village Attorney; 2, Open Banner.
A neck.—Time, 30.54.
Win, $18.20. Forecast 6-3 Div. $107.20.
Place, 1st $13.10; 2nd $12.80.
Double Event 5/6 2-6 Div. $690.20.

7—300 yd. flat.—1, Grand Sort; 2, Chez Maurice.
2½ lengths.—Time, 30.08.
Win, $24.40. Forecast 4-5 Div. $124.30.
Place, 1st $12.20; 2nd $12.50.
Double Event 6/7 5-4 Div. $39.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Grey Vole; 2, Mentor.
½ length.—Time, 29.93.
Win, $40.40. Forecast 5-6 Div. $121.10.
Place, 1st $11.60; 2nd $7.20.
Double Event 7/8 4-5 Div. $116.70.

Shanghai Currency War Interests Commons

London, Feb. 12.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, K.B.E., Conservative member for the Kidderminster Division of Worcestershire, invited a statement on the implications to trade of the four conflicting currencies in Shanghai and the Yangtze Basin.

Mr. Richard Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that it was too early to forecast the effect which Nanking Reserve bank-notes would have on trade and currency, but every attempt to supplant the national currency of China could not but do harm to the interests of all countries trading with China.—Reuter.

Free French Troops Victorious

Efforts Redoubled to Make Up For Vichy's Weakness

London, Feb. 12.

"Intrigues, disputes and changes at Vichy have their terrible consequences because the enemy has a part in them," declared the leader of Free Frenchmen, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, broadcasting in French last night.

"That is why nothing is more harmful than equivocation and obedience in Vichy, which keeps the French Mediterranean forces away from any action in a full battle of the Mediterranean. That is why the free French are at present redoubling their efforts in order to make up, as far as possible, for the deficiency on the part of France to help bring about victory.

"At this very moment, our troops, supported by our air force, are victoriously engaged in battle in the area of Koufra oasis, in Italian Libya, 600 miles from the frontier of Chad, from where they set out." Gen. de Gaulle added.—Reuter.

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FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

Current Films

CATHAY.—"Rhythm on the River."—This latest Parament musicale tells the story of a small town composer who goes to the big city and becomes a ghost writer for a prominent songwriter who has lost his knack. The newcomer's rise to the top in his profession and the romance that overtakes him on the way make an absorbing picture. The picture stars Bing Crosby, Mary Martin and Basil Rathbone, with Oscar Levant, Lillian Cornell, Oscar Shaw, Charley Grapewin and Jean Cagney. Opens today.

GRAND AND METROPOL.—"The Mark of Zorro."—Action-packed romance of 1820 California, in which a dashing masked swordsman battles with grasping officialdom, puts terror into the heart of a tyrant and leads a distressed countryside to freedom while posing as an empty headed fop. Starring Tyrone Power, with Linda Darnell, Basil Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard, Eugene Pallette, J. Edward Bromberg, Montagu Love, Janet Beecher, Robert Lowery and Chrispin Martin.

ROXY.—"Pride and Prejudice."—Greer Garson, brilliant and attractive star of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," returns to the screen in an entertaining romantic comedy, based on Jane Austen's novel. Miss Garson is co-starred with Laurence Olivier, while an excellent supporting cast, headed by Mary Boland, Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Sullivan, Heather Angel and Frieda Inescort, lends further distinction.

NANKING.—"Spring Parade."—Tuneful romance, with Deanna as a little Austrian peasant girl who has her fortune told at the fair, falls asleep on a hay-wagon and wakes up in Vienna to find herself involved in an even more exciting romance than the gypsy had promised her. Starring Deanna Durbin, with Robert Cummings, Mischa Auer, Henry Stephenson, Anne Gwynne, S. Z. Sakall, Samuel S. Hinds and Butch and Buddy. Last day.

DOUMER.—"Heart of the North."—The heroic deeds of the North-West mounted Police of Canada, who always get their man, set in beautiful technicolour and featuring Dick Foran and Gloria Dickson.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Tarzan Finds a Son."—With Johnnie Weissmuller, Maureen O'Sullivan and little John Sheffield. Best Tarzan picture of the series of mysterious angles, strange animals and barbaric savages in a thundering new drama.

CAPITOL.—"It's Love I'm After."—All the girls go goofy about him, but to the men he's just plain "ham." Leslie Howard as a matinee idol, Bette Davis as his "scrapping sidekick," Olivia de Havilland as his love sick admirer, with Patric Knowles, Eric Blore and Bonita Graville.

Films Coming

"Captain Caution."—The dashing adventures of the strangest trio that ever stormed the Seven Seas, packed with sensational scenes afloat and ashore in the good old days of sail, with the war of 1812 as the exciting background. Starring Victor Mature, Louise Platt, Leo Carrillo and Bruce Cabot, with Vivienne Osborne, Robert Barrat, Miles Mander, Roscoe Ates and El Brendel. Coming tomorrow to the **NANKING.**

"Flowing Gold."—Rex Beach's thrilling saga of life and love in the Texas oil-fields paints a gripping tale of high adventure built round a couple of itinerant oil-workers and the girl they both fall in love with. There is a great cast headed by John Garfield, Pat O'Brien, Francis Farmer, Raymond Valburn, Granville Bates and Jody Gilbert. Coming tomorrow to the **GRAND.**

"Third Finger, Left Hand."—A hilarious comedy by the producers of such brilliant successes as "Ninotchka," co-starring Myrna Loy and Melvyn Douglas. Both stars are noted for their brilliant performances in sophisticated comedies and here they combine their talents to excellent purpose. Coming soon to the **ROXY.**

"South to Karanga."—Based on the exciting adventures of a small group of whites aboard a train bound for a Central African mining camp that is the centre of a native outbreak, this thrill-packed drama features Charles Bickford, James Craig, Lull Deste, John Sutton and Maurice Moscovitch. Coming soon to the **METROPOL.**

"The Thief of Bagdad."—Packed with all the magic, mystery and romance of "the Arabian Nights" and filmed in technicolour, this dazzling page from Eastern Fantasy, with its flying horses, magic carpets and gigantic djinns easily outvies anything of the kind ever thrown upon a screen. Starring, Sabu, June Duprez, John Justin and Conrad Veidt. This is the latest Alexander Korda production. Coming soon to the **NANKING** and **METROPOL.**

"Tin Pan Alley."—The years's most exciting musicale, stirring with romance and laughter, memories and melodies of the unbelievable street that turns out as if by clockwork all America's hit tunes. With Alice Faye, Betty Grable, Jack Oakie, John Payne, Allen Jenkins, Esther Ralston, the Nicholas Bros. and Ben Carter. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"21 Days Together."—Two world famous stars together for the first time in the thrilling and romantic story of a boy and girl who married and found happiness for three weeks, even while they knew the police were hunting them for murder. With Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier, Leslie Banks, Francis L. Sullivan, Esme Percy, Hay Petrie and an important supporting cast. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"You'll Find Out."—Something new at last in pictures. Swing melodies by radio's most popular artistes make a strange accompaniment for a mystery thriller replete with spooks, poisoned arrows sliding panels and all the fixings, including screenland's three major menaces. With Kay Kyser, Peter Lorre, Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Helen Parrish, Dennis O'Keefe, Alma Kruger and Kay Kyser's Band. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Little Men."—Louis May Alcott's famous sequel to her equally famous "Little Women," brings back all the characters who delighted the world in the latter picture. Though the beloved story has been modernized, it contains all the old time charm of its predecessor. With Kay Francis, Jack Oakie, George Bancroft, Jimmy Lydon, Ann Gillis and Charles Esmond. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Rangers of Fortune."—Romance and thrills on the Mexican border in an action-packed story of frontier badmen with many entirely new angles and a plot that contains both suspense and surprises. With Fred MacMurray, Albert Dekker, Gilbert Roland, Patricia Morison, Joseph Schildkraut, Dick Foran, Betty Brewer and a big cast. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Sandy Gets Her Man."—The hilarious tale of a bashful fireman who has to turn Romeo to hold his job and of a little child who leads him to success in both love and the fire department. With Baby Sandy, Stuart Erwin, Una Merkel, Edgar Kennedy, William Frawley, Edward Brophy and Wally Vernon. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"The Westerner."—An action-packed, impassioned story of the feuding, fighting prairies where reckless men disputed the wild lands and fought for the love of the women, with Gary Cooper in the kind of role that has made him the idol of millions of film fans. Supported by Walter Brennan, Fred Stone, Doris Davenport and Forrest Tucker. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"No, No, Nanette."—Reviving the ear-haunting melodies that made it famous in five continents and telling the hilarious tale of an old man's backslidings and his niece's efforts to straighten out the resulting tangles. With a great cast headed by Anna Neagle, Richard Carlson, Victor Mature, Roland Young, Zasu Pitts, Eve Arden and Billy Gilbert. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"The Hurricane."—A gripping and colourful romance of the South Seas, with a climax that, for sheer overwhelming spectacle, is unequalled by anything in screen history. With Jon Hall, Dorothy Lamour, Mary Astor, C. Aubrey Smith, Thomas Mitchell, Raymond Massey and John Carradine. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Free, Blonde and 21."—Nights of drama and thrill-packed suspense at a New York hotel for women, with some girls playing the game, while others play the fool and—at least one of them—the sneak. With Lynn Bari, Mary Beth Hughes, Joan Davis, Henry Wilcoxon, Robert Lowry, Alan Baxter, Katharine Aldridge, Helen Ericson and Chick Chandler. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Kit Carson."—Spotlighting the adventure-filled episodes that made up the real-life story of the greatest of all American frontier scouts, this thrilling and romantic action drama is a veritable saga of Covered Wagon days in the lawless old West. Starring Jon Hall, Lynn Bari, Dana Andrews, Ward Bond, Renie Riano, Clayton Moore and Rowena Cook. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Jennie."—Here is the surprise picture of the season! The heart-warming tale of a girl who battled in a woman's way to tame a family tyrant, hold the man she loved and transform eight empty lives. With Virginia Gilmore, William Henry, George Montgomery, Ludwig Stossel, Dorris Bowdon, Rand Brooks, Joan Valeire and Rita Quigley. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Boom Town."—With such a magnificent cast as Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr, this great drama provides superlative entertainment. There is action aplenty, laid against the colourful background of oil wells and oil fires, while the acting of Gable and Tracy leaves nothing to be desired, not to mention such excellent feminine support. Coming soon to the **ROXY.**

"Third Finger, Left Hand"

Coming to the Roxy shortly are Melvyn Douglas and that popular favourite, Myrna Loy, in smart comedy—also Raymond Walburn, Lee Bowman and Bonita Granville.

"Rhythm on the River"

A grand triumvirate appears today at the Cathay Theatre—Bing Crosby, Mary Martin and Basil Rathbone. They have the support of Lillian Cornell, Jean Cagney and Charley Grapewin.

"Flowing Gold"

Opening at the Grand Theatre tomorrow are John Garfield, Frances Farmer and Pat O'Brien in the starring roles of this oil drama; with Granville Bates and Jody Gilbert.

"Captain Caution"

One of the newcomers to the silver screen is Victor Mature, who will be at the Nanking Theatre tomorrow. Stronger players include Leo Carrillo and Bruce Cabot—also Louise Platt.

"The Mark of Zorro"

Tyrone Power and Gale Sondergaard for the last time at the Grand today—continuing tomorrow at the Metropol Theatre.

Sandor Stern

Sterling accordeonist who appears nightly at the Balalaika.

To Dine and Dance

ARCADIA.—Russian cuisine. Arcadia orchestra. Floor show.

BALALAIKA.—Sandor Stern. Floor show.

BLACK CAT.—Night club. Klein and Rink.

BOLERO.—Night club. K. James and Guy Roberts.

CASANOVA.—Gloria Andico's orchestra. Floor show.

CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails. Tea concerts.

CATHAY RESTAURANT. — 8th floor. Luncheon and dinner.

COSMO CLUB. — Morris' orchestra. Dorothy Baker and floor show.

D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Tino's orchestra. Floor show.

FARREN'S.—Mike's Music Masters. Lantzoff, Volsky's Follies and Svetlanova.

JESSFIELD.—Night club. Roth—Teddy and Ferry Guzza.

MASKEE.—Night club. Otto Ruff. Schierhorst and Kamm.

METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

MOULIN ROUGE.—Night club.

PARAMOUNT.—Cabaret. Tony Diaz's swing orchestra.

PACIFIC HOTEL.—Dinner dances. Sunday tea dance. Soffre's orchestra.

PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Sunday tea dance, Itkis' orchestra. Floor show.

ROXY.—Night club. Harry Fisher's swing band.

TOWER.—Night club. Tower orchestra. Larissa Anders. Nightly excepting Sunday.

Dorothy Baker

Charming vocalist nightly at the new Cosmo Club.

Again the Annual "Best"

Variety and Quality Notable in List of Outstanding Films ; Difficult to Make Choice

IT seems, from a glance through the files, that a proper preface to this annual article, in which the "ten best" pictures of the year are customarily named, should comment with considerable feeling upon the difficulty of making such a choice and should vaguely apologize for presuming to do such a thing, writes Bosley Crowther to the New York "Times." It's a tough job, we agree, and one which requires considerable delving in the back of a critic's memory ; but why it should be necessary to beg indulgence for a purely constructive purpose is beyond our comprehension.

Therefore, with the firm conviction that exceptional effort deserves exceptional praise, we nominate the following as the ten best pictures of 1940—or, at least, of 1940 to date. And, with no apologies, we stand by them. They were selected from the 499 films reviewed by the "Times" during the year, which included 177 of foreign origin (a foreign film being one not made in this country).

It has been a good year from the point of view of quality and variety of product—a year in which several pictures of extraordinary merit have been shown—and a year which we hope may be counted as just one more upward step in the right direction. Here, then, in the order of their opening in New York theatres, are our pets:

"The Grapes of Wrath." Very seldom has the screen received as honest and powerful a film as this bitterly eloquent account of an "Okie" family's trek from the barren Dust Bowl to California and of the great disillusionment they found there. In our mind, it ranks as one of the few great sociological motion pictures of all time. Mr. Ford's hard, clean direction, his magnificent use of the camera and the flawless performances of Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine and John Qualen were among the year's most memorable favours.

"The Baker's Wife" (French). This ribald but also poignant comedy about a middle-aged baker who refused to acknowledge that he had been made cuckold was the outstanding foreign film of the year. Raimu was a paragon of distressed dignity in the leading role, and M. Pagnol's direction elaborated upon a typical Gallic situation with superlative wit and tender understanding. It is still showing at the World Theatre, where it opened on February 26, 1940.

"Rebecca," directed by Alfred Hitchcock, was a taut and tingling melodrama which also possessed certain interesting psychological overtones. Mr. Hitchcock, whose first Hollywood picture it was, demonstrated his fine directorial hand all through it, and Joan Fontaine, Laurence Olivier and Judith Anderson played it to perfection.

Profound and Compassionate

"Our Town." In this simple and virtually plotless account of the lives and innermost thoughts of several people in a small New Hampshire town was revealed a profound and deeply compassionate glimpse into the human soul. The technique of using a narrator to lead the way through the story and comment upon the characters afforded a cosmic detachment seldom achieved in films. Martha Scott, Beulah Bondi, Fay Bainter, Thomas Mitchell and William Holden gave glowing performances.

"The Mortal Storm." Of the several strong anti-Nazi dramas which came out during the year this one most convincingly expressed the stark reality of the terror inside Germany, used the camera most eloquently and was certainly the most expertly played, with Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart and Frank Morgan in leading roles.

"Pride and Prejudice." Simply because it was one of the most charming and elegant costume pictures ever made, because it crackled with literate wit and was played with delicious pertness by Greer Garson, Laurence Olivier, Mary Boland and Edmund Gwenn, we rank this one among the first ten.

"The Great McGinty," was the best comedy-satire of the year and one of its most entertaining pictures. With Brian Donlevy and Akim Tamiroff playing a couple of political buccaneers in a large American city, it dissected corrupt machine-politics and bald-faced grafters with blunt, racy and cynical wit, and was directed by Mr. Sturges with remarkable skill. The metropolitan American idiom has seldom been more flavoursomely used than it was in this mud-larking comedy.

"The Long Voyage Home." In this picture about the crew of a British freighter, carrying ammunition from America to England, Mr. Ford fashioned a tough-fibered modern Odyssey—a graphic, dramatic story of crude men ever wandering with hungry hearts in quest of that will-o-the-wisp called peace. Along with "The Grapes of Wrath" (also directed by Mr. Ford, remember?), this one stood out as a masterpiece of stark, vivid realism, beneath which flowed the tragic theme of spiritual suffering. Thomas Mitchell, Barry Fitzgerald, John Wayne and a fine cast played it splendidly.

All by Himself

"The Great Dictator," written, directed and produced by Charles Chaplin, with himself playing the two leading roles—a little Jewish barber and a caricature of Adolf Hitler—marked the return of "Charlot" to the screen in a tragi-comic film of great moment. Although it possessed technical faults and was criticized on various emotional counts, this corner found it alive with Chaplin's matchless comic invention and his devastating mimicry. Furthermore, the irony of the most beloved comedian in the world playing the most widely hated man alive was of transcendent significance. Jack Oakie was splendid in a slapstick lampoon of Mussolini.

"Fantasia," which is a series of visual interpretations by Walt Disney and his gay artists of eight classical and semi-classical symphonic numbers played by the Philadelphia Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski, kicked up the big furore of the year. A lot of people loved it; many called it a sacrilege and spinach. We thought it refreshingly novel, cinematically bold and generally delightful in its imagery—and in its music, too.

Of these five have not been shown here—two probably never will because of local political censorship—Ed.

"Thief of Bagdad"

Sabu soon will be on the Metropol and Grand screens.

"Bells of Corneville"

Rosen (above) will have his gala at the Lyceum tonight.

Hollywood's Fine Dramatic Films

Comedies Second on List ; Review of Year Reveals Outstanding Pictures

For movie entertainment in 1940 Hollywood liked drama best. Comedy ran a close second. Adventure and biographical stories tied for third place and musicals also ran, writes Hubbard Keavy in the "Oregonian." This is a conclusion based on a review of this year's films Hollywood considered outstanding, movies distinguished enough in some way to be remembered out of the maze of 500-odd that appeared.

The dramas liked best by the people who make movies included "Rebecca," "The Grapes of Wrath," "Our Town," "Susan and God," "All This and Heaven Too," "The Letter," "Kitty Foyle," "The Primrose Path" and "Philadelphia Story."

Three of the "best" comedies had to do with marital relations: "My Favourite Wife," "I Love You Again" and "This Thing Called Love." One was Disney's "Pinocchio" and another was the star-studded "Boom Town." Two were satires of political systems: "The Great McGinty" and "The Great Dictator."

Adventure films which stood out were "Northwest Passage," "Foreign Correspondent," "The Long Voyage Home" and "The Mark of Zorro."

Movieland's opinion of the biographical subjects coincided with the public's, with one exception: Here we liked the beautifully-done "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." The others were "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," "Young Tom Edison" and "Edison, the Man."

Good Musicales Few

This was not a musical year. Only three musical films made the grade in Hollywood. Two of them, "It's a Date" and "Spring Parade," starred the amazing Deanna Durbin. The third was the always successful "Irene."

A director who makes one picture a year good enough to attract more than the passing attention of his fellows is considered great. When he makes two he is, in Hollywood's superlative way, wonderful and marvelous.

And so today that is how they look upon the trio of John Ford, Sam Wood and Alfred Hitchcock. Wood made two of the films in the foregoing "best" list, "Kitty Foyle" and "Our Town." Hitchcock was largely responsible for the excellence of "Rebecca" and "Foreign Correspondent." Ford did "The Grapes" and "The Long Voyage."

Not so much credit was given Chaplin for the double-barreled job of writing and directing his picture, since he had no limitations as to time (five pictures in twelve years) and, apparently, funds galore. Preston Sturges is the fellow who got the palm of approval, as well as the envious stare. He wrote and directed three pictures during the year. His "McGinty" caused much favourable comment, even though it did have the usual number of beginner's faults and very rough edges.

Novels still are the cinema's best source of material. At least one-third of the best pictures were based on best sellers—the producers knew they were good. One-sixth of 1940's better films were taken from plays of known merit.

Farren's Floor Show

Seldom in Shanghai has been seen a floor show of such merit and at the same time length as that which is now nightly produced at Farren's. Heading the bill is Volsky's revue, consisting of an ensemble of six talented girls, appearing as a unit in a novelty dance, as well as in Volsky's interpretation of the "St. Louis Blues," a smart turn. Three of the troupe execute a tap dance version of "Lulu is Back in Town," while Nina Krilova does an acrobatic number which never fails to please.

Soloists in their own right, Svetlanova and Lantzoff are teamed in a bright interpretation, and the former does a beautiful turn imitating a dancing skater. Lantzoff and Anna (junior partner) are at their best in a gypsy dance.

Much credit redounds to Mike and his music masters for their splendid accompaniment as well as for their ability to entice patrons onto the dance floor.

Anders, Solo Danseuse

Tomorrow night in the Tower, Larissa Anders, solo danseuse, will present an entire change of programme, in corporating several items from her personal repertoire. No advance notes are ever available of what this artiste proposes to do, but it is generally accepted that she will equal her previous week's programme which, closing tonight, includes a rhumba (in masculine costume) and a colourful Argentine tango. It is possible that Larissa will repeat one of her numbers of several weeks ago by special request.

With Porges at the piano, Eddie Brown at the "bull-fiddle" and Romanoff (drums), dance music is highly pleasing to patrons. "Vic," the latter, also is a crooner of merit, but it must be pointed out that he should refrain from employing the "mike" too much.

Happy Combination

Continuing their collaboration the Ballet Russe and Shanghai Municipal Orchestra will present on March 6, 8 and 9 and the Lyceum Theatre two Glazunov's ballets: "The Seasons," a symphonic ballet in one act, four scenes, and "Stenka Razin," a historical ballet-pantomime.

Glazunov is considered a genius in symphonic compositions and orchestrations and the two ballets which will be presented are among his masterpieces.

The choreography will be by Sokolsky, ballet-master who was responsible in the past for such colourful productions as "Coq d'Or," "Tsar Maiden," "Notre Dame de Paris" and "Prince Igor."

Change in Personnel

Four changes have been made in the personnel of the staff of cocktail bar hostesses at the Bolero Night Club, it being the custom of the establishment to change hostesses at regular intervals. Music for dancing is furnished by the Guy Roberts Band, featuring K. James, vocalist and musician, and Jack, the popular drummer. The cocktail bar is entirely separate from the Bolero's service bar.

"Blackout" Produced in British Studio

Thrilling Account of Danish Freighter

Although there are no astronomical figures involved in the production of "Blackout," the thrilling spy mystery production which was recently completed in England, and although gigantic sets, having anywhere from one to several million square feet of area, were notable in the making of this picture only by their absence, there is one superlative production fact about the picture which is of interest, to wit:

There was used, in the production of "Blackout" the largest fleet of liners and merchant ships (real ones not scenery) ever made available for use in a picture. The reason for this is that the plot of "Blackout" concerns the adventures of the captain of a neutral Danish freighter while his ship is interned in an English port for inspection by the Contraband Control. For the picture the British Government allowed the producers free reign in photographing over 70 ships, of all nationalities, actually interned in an English port, as a part of the war effort against Hitler.

The descent of the motion picture company upon the port was a life saver to the officers and crews of the ships held there. The process of clearing ships from control ports is necessarily a long and tedious one and watching the work of filming "Blackout" did a lot to break up the monotony of waiting.

The cast of "Blackout," which is headed by Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson, includes Hay Petrie, Raymond Lovell, Esmond Knight and Charles Victor. Produced by John Corfield and directed by Michael Powell, it is being released through United Artists.

The story of "Blackout" concerns a beautiful espionage agent who arouses the suspicions of a Danish sea captain who follows her through London under a blackout, only to discover after many thrilling adventures that she is working for the Admiralty.

Russian Light Opera

Now six years in Shanghai, the ever-pleasing Russian Light Opera are honouring their principal and sponsor, L. Rosen, with a gala performance of the "Bells of Corneville" in the Lyceum tonight. In his role, highly dramatic, Rosen is supported by several changes in cast—Tolohoff in his second local appearance plays the Marquis, while Orlovskaya does Germaine, Bitner, Slobodsky and, last but not least, Valin, should be in fine fettle.

Two ballet ensembles, led by Seroff and Manjelei, attend; "Ghost Dancers" in the second act and "Waltz of Roses" in the third, Saturday and Sunday will see repeat performances.

Merle Oberon's Next

Alexander Korda always has some interesting plans in store for his wife, Merle Oberon. He is now working in Hollywood and has chosen the character of Manon Lescaut for the star's next impersonation. It would be difficult to say how often this French heroine of the sentimental underworld has been the centre of play, opera or film. Evidently, Mr. Korda is determined that the next version shall be an original and distinctive one. It will be directed by Duvivier, who directed "Pépé le Moko" and "Canet de Bal."

New Roxy Artiste

Announcement is made by the management of the Roxy Night Club to the effect that in the immediate future a wellknown European artiste will make her debut at the establishment. She is stated to have come to Shanghai with a wide reputation of an artiste of outstanding ability. The Roxy will thus have a floor show in addition to the entertainment provided by members of the Harry C. Fisher Swing Band, chiefly Fred Fobau, singing violinist.

D.D.'s Russian Dinners

To the strains of Tino's orchestra, patrons enjoy Russian "chow" at D.D.'s nightly, the cuisine and service leaving nothing to be desired. Classical music during the dinner hour is supplanted by enticing dance strains round 10 p.m. Tino at the drums, has his microphone handy and regales with vocal melodies appropriate to the occasion. Teddy Tapia, crooning saxophonist, lends much support, as do Kamm and Weiss.

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S.M.C. Finance:

Plea for Licensed Gambling

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—About two weeks ago I read in the correspondence column of your esteemed paper, a letter by a ratepayer who has the welfare of the general public at heart, and who suggested that the taxes, which were already too high for the ordinary work-a-day folk, with the 40 per cent. surcharge, which was surely to be sanctioned at the ratepayers' meeting a few days afterwards, would cripple the finances of a vast majority of Shanghailanders who were already groaning under the unprecedented surcharges on rent, electricity, gas, water, etc. as well as the rise in the fares of the buses and trams, in fact, all the public utilities. He suggested that the Shanghai Municipal Council should give up their present sanctimonious attitude and immediately license a casino, to be run under the strict supervision of the Council, in the Settlement. The revenue from this source alone, would relieve the taxpayers of a large percentage of the taxes they are at present paying, if not free them from the taxes altogether.

It is obvious that the Japanese military and their satellites are receiving a tremendous amount from the gambling joints on the outside roads to enable them to carry on their war in China and make preparations for further aggression elsewhere, and this money paid by the Chinese, I am sure, can easily pull the Shanghai Municipal Council out of its present embarrassment and place it on its feet, so the Council should not sit back with arms crossed and allow the general public to be mulcted of their last cent, without making an effort to help them out of their predicament. The very fact that they have done their part "Pro Bono Publico," even though it hurt them terribly financially, proves their loyalty, therefore something should be done to relieve them of these killing taxes. It must be distinctly understood, that all the offices in town do not give the same allowance for the high cost of living. The lucky ones get 250 per cent., which barely covers the H.C.L. but the vast majority get 10 per cent., 50 per cent., and some unfortunates do not get any allowance at all, in fact, they are constantly reminded that they are lucky to still have a job.

The very idea of the Council sneering at licensing a casino for the benefit of all Shanghai residents, when public gambling is being run, among others, by the Shanghai Race Club, under the pretence of giving a small percentage to charity. This, of course, is not their fault, as they have done this for a long time for a worthy cause, long before our present predicament. This instance is given only as a matter for argument, and the Shanghai Stock Exchange, which trades in millions daily and gives nothing away, is, to say the least, scandalous, as it looks like this city is run purely for the benefit of the rich and the poor pay the piper.

I see in this morning's papers, in the official report for the week ending February 8, that there were 1,866 deaths. Out of this total, a very small percentage died a natural death, the balance were either starved, or frozen to death, or both. Now, if we had a casino, we could very easily set aside a handsome amount for looking after these miserable creatures and give them a chance in this cold and cruel world.

The Council could very easily issue a provisional license, say for six months or one year, and if the result of operations do not come up to expectations, then they could very well withdraw same and, at least, the poor will then know that they had been given a chance.

If this letter catches the eye of the ratepayer mentioned above, I wish he would communicate with me with a view to getting together and discussing the matter of running a casino for the profit of the general public principally, as he suggested that he would form a committee and approach the Council in the approved manner.

JACK HIGH.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

The Burnt Rickshaw:

An Unfortunate Phrase

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I was shocked to read in your paper this morning an account of the accidental burning of a rickshaw on the Bund in which your reporter wrote that it was almost comical to see the distress of the puller.

I am sure that neither you nor any responsible member of your staff would endorse this extremely unpleasant phrase nor the regrettable attitude of mind which it betrays. No one in London is amused when the entire means of livelihood of a poor East Ender is bombed out of existence, and the parallel here is exact.

I enclose a cheque for $10 which I hope you will be able to forward to the puller who had such a tragic experience, and I hope that a few more of your readers will feel impelled to do the same thing so that the unfortunate man will be preserved from complete destitution.

S. A.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

The Rent Racket:

And a Verse from Proverbs

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A very nice little prayer, I think, that P.T. has supplied us with out of Edward VI's Primer. And when the landlords urge that they are poor men and must live, I have found something in Proverbs with which the tenants can reply to them:

A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

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Shanghai, Feb. 12.

Prophecy:

The Stars in their Courses

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Certain astronomers have associated the triple conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn which occurred in the year 6 B.C. with the Star of Bethlehem which brought the wise men of the East to Bethlehem to await the coming of the Messiah in fulfilment of Micah's prophecy, with which they were doubtless familiar, that out of Bethlehem should come forth a ruler in Israel.

Is it not significant in the light of current events that for the first time in 2,000 years a recurrence of such a triple conjunction should appear as a sign and a warning such as St. Luke foreshadows when he tells us "there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon and in the stars, and upon the earth distress, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring?"

By February 20 three times in six months—the planets Jupiter and Saturn will have met and passed one another. Jupiter travelling at eight miles a second caught up and passed Saturn travelling at six miles a second on August, 15 the date which marked Hitler's ghastly failure in his attempted blitzkrieg on the British Isles. These two planets appeared to pass and repass, meeting again on October 11. Does this date furnish us with any outstanding example of distress of nations or a roaring sea against an attempted invasion? And what of February 20 next week?

The interval between this conjunction and the Birth of the Messiah was, I believe, approximately two years, and He told His disciples he would return "in like manner as ye have seen me depart," and so that we be not taken unawares, let us

WATCH AND IDENTIFY

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

"The Mark of Zorro":

And Local Taxation Problems

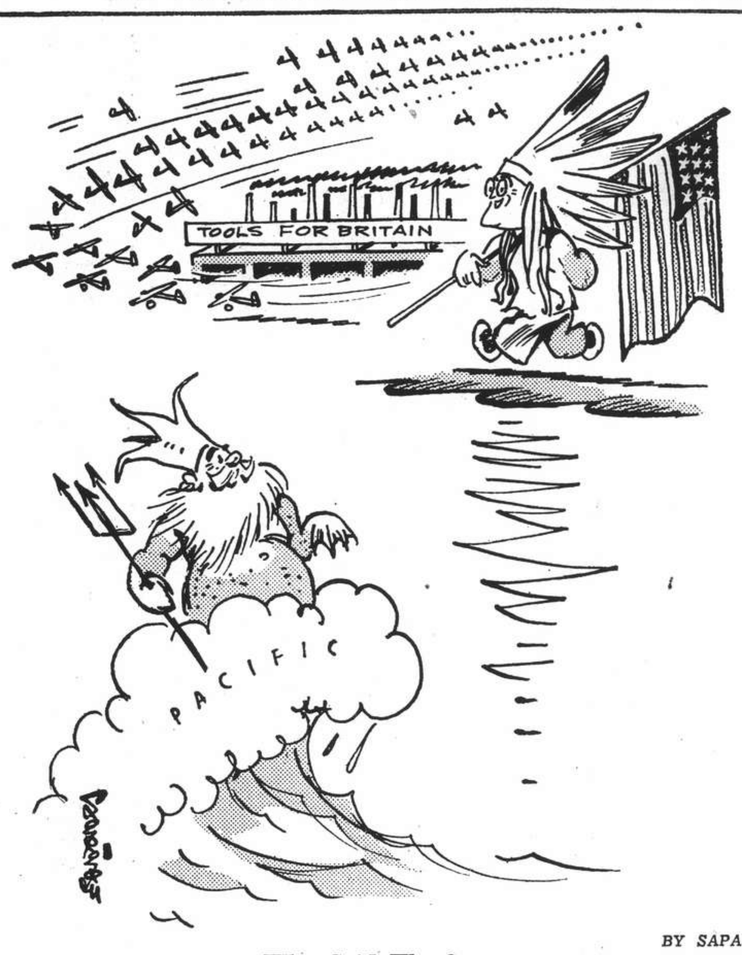
To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Due to crowds or my dilatoriness or something of that sort I did not get round to seeing "The Mark Of Zorro" till yesterday. My chief impression was the resemblance between the state of affairs at the Los Angeles of then and the Shanghai of today. Only today the complaining taxpayers are not beaten with a heavy whip, they are only taken to court!

Where is our local Tyrone Power, who will play the part of Zorro here? I wonder if HAYASHI thought he was taking the role. Perhaps if we could only find a beautiful damsel to take the part of the heroine in the picture we could find some dashing man to rescue this town from the clutches of the ruthless tax-collector.

POOR TENANT.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.



BY SAPAJOU

Who Said War?

Peiping Detectives Told To Hurry Up

Large Quantities of Meat May Cause Trouble

Peiping, Feb. 12.

As a measure against "untoward happenings," steps are being taken to strengthen and arm police guards at the slaughter house in the east suburbs, states the Chinese press.

The slaughter house, which is being constructed and will be completed in the near future, has a police force of 29 who are unarmed.

As the slaughter house is expected to store a large quantity of meat and to have a large income from the daily fees, it is feared that it may be the object of attack by "enemy elements."—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF FEBRUARY 13, 1871

The French volunteers went out for an afternoon's exercise in the country on Saturday last, under the command of Captain Barbe. Mustering at 3 p.m. they marched out 46 strong—artillery and infantry, with a few horsemen as videttes—on the road to Siccawei. Near the Chalet, the Corps was formed into two sections, the first being thrown across country as skirmishers, the latter with the artillery remaining in reserve. Some very good practice was gone through; until, when a halt was called, the combatants were quite ready for the refreshments that were opportunely produced. The afternoon seem to have been thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part in the drill; the war correspondent of the "Nouvelliste" affirming that such parades have a triple advantage—physical exercise, practice in drill and manœuvring, and the affording of a most pleasant afternoon's relaxation.

Honan Drive and Southward Move

Dispersal of Chinese and Then Withdrawal to South Seen as Japanese Plan

Chungking, Feb. 12.

The recent Japanese drive in Southern Honan was merely a preliminary move on the part of Japan to forthcoming developments in the South Seas, it is believed in well-informed quarters here.

The Japanese launched attacks on the main concentrations of the Chinese forces threatening Hankow, it is believed, for the purpose of dispersing these troops before withdrawing the main body of Japanese forces from the Yangtze Valley to support a coming Japanese move in the southward expansion programme.

Informed quarters say there are three possibilities of a new Japanese move: Japan may remain inactive adopting a watchful waiting policy, or she may withdraw troops from China, or she may proceed with the southward expansion programme. It is believed that Japan cannot adopt a waiting policy since by the time the United States completes her naval construction programme she will be able to dictate her own terms in a Pacific settlement.

Furthermore Japan cannot afford to permit prolongation of the Sino-Japanese hostilities which are costing Japan Y.20,000,000 daily. The European war is so closely linked with Pacific developments that Japan cannot remain indifferent to its final outcome.

Meanwhile Japan cannot withdraw troops from China, which naturally will demand complete evacuation from Chinese territory, probably including Manchuria. Not only have Japan's sacrifices in three years been in vain but there will certainly be a revolution in Japan, it is believed here.

The only logical course for Japan would appear to be to go forward. Undoubtedly Germany has been exerting pressure on Japan to move in the Pacific against Britain and the United States, probably arguing that Japan's fate is closely linked with that of Germany. If Germany is defeated a combined British and United States fleet could crush Japan, whereas a German victory would guarantee Japan's supremacy in the Pacific.

The war narrows down to a struggle between Germany, Japan and Italy on the one side and Britain and the United States on the other, while Germany and Japan will do their utmost to keep Russia out of the war. Germany will urge Japan to devote her entire efforts to assist Germany in the Pacific against Britain and the United States, arguing that the China hostilities will be liquidated as a matter of course if Germany defeats Britain and America, observers say.—Reuter.

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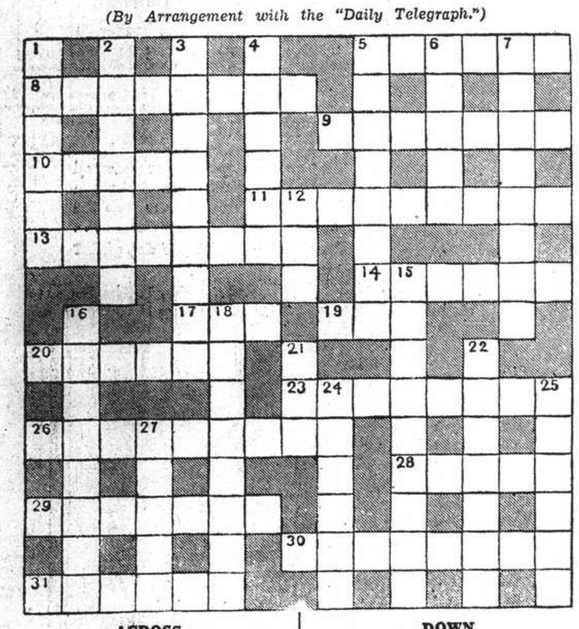

ACROSS

5 A few annoy but not in any feminine way (6)
8 Describes our imports (and curtailed, Aphrodite) (8)
9 The sort of finery we all admire (7)
10 This may be a cause of backsliding of course (5)
11 Might be part of any house but certainly is of a theatre (9)
13 A pear-tree supplies the answer you want (8)
14 Describes the Hunt (6)
17 The sort of fairy one values when it belongs to one (3)
19 Vehicle (see 12 down) (3)
20 You can see two girls in this one of the U.S. but not both at once (6)
23 This sheltered a poet's forge (8)
26 A town of brilliant associations (9)
28 One useful implement in the workshop, not two (5)
29 Ready part of mesmerism (7)
30 "Felt dead" seems an apt anagram (8)
31 A tenant to a smaller degree at first (6)

DOWN

1 One of his jobs is to bait and supply water (6)
2 A wind instrument (7)
3 Thus prepared sounds freakish (9)
4 A green mixture is not made to please, far from it (6)
5 A bit of backbone (8)
6 Generally a sure guide to the seaside (5)
7 Old port (8)
12 This 19 across is always in Yorkshire (3)
15 An involuntary witticism (two words—5, 4)
16 A case of possession (8)
18 The name of this saintly river is honoured in the Near East (8)
21 You need a pal to make a fine place with this (3)
22 Musical instruction (and a poker stake) (7)
24 There is only one in the whole of Alsace-Lorraine (6)
25 Materials not rivers (6)
27 Some pill this (5)

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HITLER WOOING JAPAN

With what practically amounts to the collapse of Italy, Hitler is looking further afield for the assistance of which he is in such urgent need. Mussolini has ceased to be of much use to him, and Hitler is endeavouring to persuade Japan to enter the war actively. What he wants, in order to relieve the pressure which Great Britain is applying, is to get Japan to make a move in the Far East, against the Netherlands East Indies and Malaya with a view to diverting the British fleet and the Empire's resources, a pretty little scheme to have the Japanese assist in pulling the chestnuts out of the fire of his own igniting. His efforts are undoubtedly being assisted by the small extreme pro-Axis faction in Japan, though it is thought in London that there is increasing opposition against Japan embarking upon any such perilous adventure on behalf of the Nazis who would be quite indifferent to what happened to Japan so long as their own ends were served. That point needs to be emphasized: Hitler has nothing to offer Japan and may be expected to betray her in the unlikely event of a Nazi victory, and leave her completely friendless in the more probable chance of his defeat.

That is the fate to which the pro-Nazi faction in Japan is leading their country. The Axis is already considerably weakened by the severe reverses inflicted upon Italy, whose Libyan armies have been reduced in a little over two months from fifteen to five divisions, and as it becomes increasingly rickety should offer still less inducement to the Japanese to go further in an alliance, which had nothing to commend it at the time it was formed, and now has considerably less. The Hitler move is not likely to succeed even if Japan is prevailed to act according to his wishes. Any step which would tend to alter the status quo in the Far East would invite action by the United States. That has been made clear time and time again, and the Japan pro-Axis faction will only be deluding themselves if they think otherwise. The United States will not assume the initiative in forcing a war in the Pacific, but will accept any challenge which Japan may be so ill-advised as to make.

In this connection the reason why Hitler would fail of his purpose even if Japan acceded to his wishes is plain. President Roosevelt declared at his Press conference on Tuesday that, if the United States were forced into a war in the Far East, it would have no effect upon the deliveries of war material to Great Britain. American factories and shipping could continue to concentrate all their energies to the production and shipment of materials to Britain; the United States would rely chiefly on the Navy to conduct any Far Eastern war, and that war would be chiefly one of blockade, accentuated by the most stringent economic and financial controls. The economic weapons which the United States could wield in such a war have seriously to be reckoned with, and those who would seek to minimize them in the eyes of the Japanese are doing them the greatest possible disservice.

It is not to be believed that the Japanese Government, which has demonstrated its desire to arrive at a better understanding with the United States by the despatch of Admiral Nomura to Washington, would so lightly prejudice his mission by taking such action as would render the present tense situation worse, and probably lead to war. There is a very substantial section of Japanese thought which realizes the perils of too closely following at Hitler's chariot wheels. There is the ghastly example of what has happened to the Italians to be taken into consideration, and it follows that if Japan should be so imprudent as to allow herself to become embroiled with the United States, Hitler would be in no position to offer her the slightest assistance. He would still be too busily occupied with Great Britain and her Allies. No doubt Hitler will seek to beguile the Japanese Government with all manner of promises, but if they are put to the acid test of discovering whether he is ever likely to be in a position to honour them, it must be clear to the simplest mind that they are not worth the breath with which they are uttered. A policy which all along has been one of betrayal cannot easily be changed to one of good faith.

UNACCEPTED CHALLENGE

Now that the British naval squadron which bombarded Genoa on February 9 has returned safely to Gibraltar a very successful operation has been brought to an end. In the course of the last five days the squadron based upon the Rock has swept more than a thousand miles across the Mediterranean into the Ligurian Sea, bombarded its objective and returned without let or hindrance from the Italians. And this in a sea over which the Italians claim to have control. Nor does it appear that the Germans with their largely advertised Stuka dive bombers took any advantage of the opportunity which was afforded them of giving another exhibition of their prowess, doubtless because of the severe mauling they have already received at the hands of the British navy, which after their first attack was able to sweep through the eastern Mediterranean with a direct challenge to the German air force to come and have another try. There can be no other possible reason for the failure of the German air arm, and the Italian navy to take up the gauntlet which the British Navy so gallantly threw down save that neither was in a position to do much about it. The whole operation was the completest possible proof that the British still hold command over the Italian *mare nostrum*.

That no attempt was made to intercept and engage the British squadron corroborates the view that the damage done to the Italian fleet at Taranto was as extensive as the British claimed it was at the time. It must be either that, or because the Italian Navy like the army has little stomach for a fight, and prefers to skulk under its land fortifications rather than run the risk of more of that punishment which the British fleet has succeeded in administering to it. Thus the sea force of Mussolini appears to be as completely immobilized as damage and fear can make it, and while it would be foolish to claim that it is still not a force to be reckoned with, the fact is plain that so long as it is handled as it is now, its offensive and defensive value must indeed be small. A fleet which cannot, or will not take action to defend the shores of its own country cannot in such circumstances amount to much.

The British Navy which has from the commencement of the war been covering its laurels with imperishable glory is commanded by men who are prepared to take reasonable risks. That has been the story of every naval engagement which it has fought in this war. The expedition to Genoa was, therefore, no exception to the general rule, and though the Gibraltar squadron went trailing its coat through the Mediterranean for at least four days the Italians apparently thought the risk too great in seeking to bring them to combat. In this connection it is to be noted that Domei carries a report to the effect the Italian Press claims that the British units avoided battle, and that when the Italian fleet steamed out of Genoa, while the British were bombarding it, the latter shunned an engagement being "satisfied with murdering the city population." There is a singular admission in this claim which deserves consideration. If the Italian fleet were in the port of Genoa the latter was indeed a proper naval objective. As a naval base it would have been if the Italian vessels had not been there, but when it is claimed that the Italian fleet steamed out with its much boasted speedier vessels it follows that the reason why no engagement resulted was because the Italians did not desire one.

With a modern fleet noted for its speed, Italy should surely have been able to bring the British squadron to book, and the fact is clear for all to see that the damage which the British have inflicted upon the Italian navy, when it has been able to get close enough, has induced in the Italian Navy a preference for fighting with words rather than engaging in throwing hot metal. It may of course be asked why the British did not stay and accept battle. There is no evidence save the preposterous claims of the Italian press, which has all its work cut out to explain the constant failures of the Italian forces, that the Italian fleet moved anywhere at all save under the protection of the Italian land fortifications, and no matter how patiently the British would have waited, the only chance of giving battle would have been if the Italians came close enough to do so, and that the history of past months has shown to be the last thing they wish.

More Advice to Recruits

During the last war there were several regiments which were regarded as potential reservoirs for officers. They were not easy to get into, and once in, the recruit had no guarantee whatsoever that would eventually get his commission. He was taken in as a volunteer in the widest meaning of the word; that is to say, he offered himself in the service of his country in the station in which those in authority thought he was most valuable. There was no question when the volunteer enlisted that he had enlisted for a commission. Each man had to find his own level, and it sometimes turned out that the level was no higher than that of a sanitary man. Those who fell to such depths were those who were unable to adapt themselves to the extremely strict discipline and extremely rigorous training which were enforced. Either health or temperament proved an obstacle to the holding of commissioned rank, and those who suffered from either disability found themselves relegated to jobs where they could do most good. Most of these regiments had one battalion in France and one reserve battalion in England. In the reserve battalion there was usually a special company to which those whose temperament unsuited them for commissions were relegated—the men who were constantly disobeying orders, becoming unruly, and playing pranks which damaged the dignity of the regiment. Most of these men were drafted as time went on into the first battalion on active service. In this battalion the men had just as many chances for promotion as elsewhere, and many a man who had been a scallywag in England was given a commission when he showed himself worthy of the honour under enemy fire. It was proved, however, that not everyone is a born leader, whatever he may think himself. Some can develop the characteristics of leadership, and they were given the chance to do so under fire. Others, to their disappointment, proved that they could never reach positions of authority; that is to say, could never display the ability or knowledge necessary, or above all, gain the confidence of those whom they might have to command. It is a feature of army discipline that it bears equally on all who come under it. Those who thrive upon it can confidently expect to get on; those who grumble and see favouritism everywhere have only themselves to blame if they are left behind in the race for promotion. Recruits who have the ability, are bound to make their presence felt; those who do not get advancement must realise that they are not suited, and be thankful that they have not had greatness thrust upon them, to be possibly found wanting at the testing time.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

Feb. 11.—Our reference to bread being obtained, amongst other things, from Palms, has resulted in a few enquires being made. The tree referred to was the Sago Palm (*Metroxylon Rumphii*). In the Moluccas, the sago palms form extensive forests, no cultivation is required; they grow spontaneously. Nature protects the tree in its young state, against the attacks of animals, by furnishing it with sharp spines which fall off when the trunk has hardened sufficiently. The farina is the starch that is produced by the tree for the formation of flowers and it is plentiful just prior to the appearance of the terminal flower spathe. Date and other palms produce fruit and live to develop more another day; but the sago palm has to be sacrificed to enable man to obtain hers! The bread flour she yields is obtained from the pith in the trunk, so the palm has to be cut down to procure it. When the tree is cut down, the trunk is divided into lengths and split: the pulpy interior being mixed with water and beaten, waste fibre floats on the surface while the flour sinks: this is well washed, dried and stored and made into cakes when required. The Pearl sago that we all know so well is the same meal; but, in this case, the starch is washed out and the grains subsequently heated. When the tree is cut down, the power of vegetation remains in the root and stems spring up again. Another sago palm yields the toddy that is employed in the preparation of arrack. Gomuta fibre is also obtained from the same tree, this is the black fibre that is used in the caulking of ships, it is said that it does not require the usual tarring that is required by hemp cordage and that it is not affected by climatic conditions. Our locally grown sago palm is *Cycas revoluta*, this is not quite hardy; but if frost does manage to penetrate the straw protection generally afforded it and ruin the leaves, it is seldom that the heartwood is damaged: new leaves are produced in profusion in the Spring. The cycads are a link between the ferns and palms and although a kind of sago may be obtained from our species, we generally associate it with funerals, for the leaves are in great demand for wreath making. —W.J.K.

U.S. AEROPLANE ENGINES

Bottleneck Faces Relief in Few Months

When Roscoe Turner, the "elder statesman" of American air racing, won the big-money Thompson trophy event at Cleveland in 1938 by running his 1,200 horse power engine wide open for a solid hour, he helped peg American aircraft power plants as the world's best, says the "Christian Science Monitor." Flushed and more than $20,000 richer for his hour's toil, big Roscoe taxied his silver monoplane to the line and cut the switches. "Wide open, all the way," he announced, amazed. Forthwith mechanics tore down the engine to see what had happened to it. Aeroplane engines were not meant to take that punishment. Its interior looked almost as good as the day it came off the factory production line.

Criticism of American warplanes, in comparison with those of Germany and England, cannot be made on the counts of speed or engine dependability. Criticism can be more justly levelled at the United States' engine production. That is both America's strength and weakness in the race for air rearmament. We have the world's best radial, air-cooled plane engines, but our current production will equip only 600 to 700 combat planes a month.

The engine "bottleneck" will be relieved appreciably by late spring or early summer.

But what that will mean in terms of greater American air power remains for determination. Much of our production is destined for England. President Roosevelt's "rule-of-thumb" division of our warplane output equally between our armed forces and England has been revised. The greater part of the output of some warplane factories, and all of that of some factories, is going to England as fast as it comes off the assembly line. That is in keeping with the policy of all aid short of war.

3,000,000 h.p. Expected Each Month

In the next five or six months two major engine factories and their branches, buttressed by a trickle of production from automobile factories now tooling up to make plane engines, are expected to be turning out 3,000,000 h.p. a month. In terms of units, that is the equivalent of 3,000 engines of 1,000 h.p. each. That would equip, every month, 1,500 aeroplanes of all types—bombers, patrol planes, pursuits and observation planes—including the "spares" which go with each order.

On American engines, even more than on American aeroplanes, is going to depend in good part the maintenance of British bombing power. On them will be predicated the future of American air power.

Speed and bomb-carrying ability of warplanes are functions of design, wing-loading and powerloading. No nation has a copyright on design. Our latest pursuits, for example, copy many of the best features of British and German pursuits. Wing-loading means the relation between the weight of a plane and the wing area—the higher the weight the faster the plane. Power loading means the relation between the weight of the plane and the engine horsepower—the lower the weight, the faster the plane. Design and wing-loading can be changed at the pleasure of the engineer, but as the armed services make demands for bigger planes and higher speeds, it is the engine manufacturers who hold the key to the superior performance of our aircraft.

In the radial-shaped, air-cooled field no other nation has been able to approach American engines in dependability and power output. The two leading radial engine manufacturers, the Pratt & Whitney division of the United Aircraft Corporation and the Wright Aeronautical Company, (the later a subsidiary of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation), are turning out engines of greater horsepower than any engines in production abroad.

It is a Pratt & Whitney engine rated at 1,850 horsepower which carries along the new Navy Vought-Sikorsky shipboard fighter at more than 400 m.p.h. at optimum altitude. That is a top, not a cruising, speed. The same engine, with slight alterations, is being re-rated for a 2,000 horse power output.

WAR FUND BAROMETER

The Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been open for 214 days and there have been 5,304 contributors. The War Savings Association has been open for 220 days and there have been 1,063 contributors. The latest totals follow:—

Fund	Amount Ch. $	Contributed £ Sterling
Central British War Fund	2,932.10	52,936. 9. 4*
Vol. War Contribution Fund	8,075.84	109,042.11. 8‡
War Savings Association	71,470.00	33,600. 5. 5§

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IN PARENTHESIS

Pessimist

A PESSIMIST is one who blows out the light to see how dark it is.—D. Woodcock.

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What Genoa About This?

BOLOGNI benighted Benito,
Once had a wonderful fleet (o)
Until a Jack Tar, sailed over the Bar,
And knocked the Wop's fleet off its feet (o).
—Revip.

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Words Reduced to Slavery

WE are all more or less guilty of overworking certain words to avoid the trouble of employing really significant terms. Get has been for a long time the chief victim, since get was reduced to slavery more than a century ago, one duty after another has been heaped upon its head.

At every street corner posters proclaim that "we've got to be prepared," so we're getting ready. The average man gets up in the morning, gets dressed, gets his breakfast, gets to the railway station, where he gets his paper, and gets into a smoker. Before he gets to town the sky gets black, and he gets wet when he gets out into the street. At the office he gets into a temper because his typist has gone out to get her hair done, and is late in getting back.

Thus he follows the ever-running hours, with the constant help of get, until, at 11 p.m., finding he is getting sleepy, he gets himself a nightcap, and gets into bed again.—J. Hubert Jagger.

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Arctic Snow Fooling

FIRST Eskimo: Going South this winter?
Second Eskimo: Yup. Going down to Iceland.

First Explorer: Well, how do you like the Arctic?
Second Explorer: It leaves me cold.

First Eskimo: What do you think of the weather?
Second Eskimo: Not so hot.

"Was it cold up in the Arctic?"
"Cold? Cold! Why, when I came home and the doctor took out my appendix—it was chapped."

Absent-minded Arctic Explorer (addressing his dogs): Oatmeal! Cream-of-wheat! Grape Nuts! Oh, I wish I could think of the cereal that makes you dumb beasts go!"

Hostess: This is Captain Banks, who has just returned from a trip to the Arctic regions.
Pretty Guest: Oh, do come nearer the fire. You must be cold.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Paper Hunt Annual Race Meet Will Be Run on Saturday

Eleven Hunters Qualified for Club Challenge Cup; Ten Events Feature Card; Good Support Received

By "The Chasse"

THE closing of the paper-hunting season will be marked by the Annual Race Meeting of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club which will be held this Saturday, commencing at 1.15 p.m. This race meeting may be looked upon from two entirely different points of view. For the thrusters, to whom the grand old winter sport of paper-hunting is nearly everything, this end-of-the-season fixture brings the sad realization that the country is now close for riding and that they will have to wait nine months before they will be able to don their "pinks" and dash across the furrows. But to the average race-goer it is regarded more in the light of a prelude to the spring racing season which will commence on the first day of March with the First Extra Race Meeting.

As this event is really a sort of a grand finale for the cross country riders we should grieve with them rather than rejoice with the racing fiends. From all appearances, especially from good support received in nearly every race, we should have an excellent meeting. A lot will depend naturally on the weather; at the moment the prospects of racing this Saturday seem very bleak indeed, with rain and snow doing their best to flood the course. Should the ground, however, not be in suitable condition this Saturday the meeting will be postponed until Saturday week, February 22.

The programme will consist of ten events and one can almost see an imaginary line drawn through the card; the first half of it being entirely devouted to the paper-hunters, with the second catering to the demands of the greater majority. No matter what the latter half of the schedule may hold in store for the public (and having gone through the race book I can assure you there are some good races) the feature attraction of the day, as far as the paper-hunters are concerned, will be the Club Challenge Cup.

Eleven Hunters Qualified

Eleven stalwart hunters of the "Y" class have qualified for this important steeplechasing event and if you think that only discards are turned into hunters and that there is not much class, you are badly mistaken. The card includes Bagshot, a first-rater of repute, in fact of championship calibre, and several other well known 'chasers such as Steve Brodie, White Whisker, Bobby and Saucylight, all of which have gained fame in their performances on the flat and over the sticks.

Though it is not definitely known, some of the probable starters and riders are:—

Bagshot—A. F. Clark—155; Bobby—A. V. Striker—155; Chemorlight—Kay—152; Saucylight—D. H. Robertson—161; Steve Brodie—H. Azadian—155; White Patches—Y. H. Chou—155; White Whiskers—J. Sparke—156.

Bagshot Fancied to Win

It is only natural that everyone should pick on Bagshot as the winner as his performance on the flat during last year puts him head and shoulders above the others. But there is one snag—and when one comes to think of it, a great one too—and that is that he has never been over a steeplechase course before. It will be some consolation to the other entrants to realize that he is quite capable of balking at any one of the obstacles as he has done so several times on the hunting field. His refusal in a certain hunt, if I remember correctly, cost him a win. However, should he not start, the race will be very open indeed as the rest of the field appears to be evenly matched.

Beef Stakes For Heavyweights

The opening event of the day is the Beef Stakes and in this race the more robust and pear-shaped members of the Club officially known as "Heavyweights"—will have an opportunity of showing these jockeys the gentle art of race-riding. It is too early to make any predictions but from what I can see it is probable that the winner will be a "Z" pony, capably ridden by a 190-pounder. I understand that among the "Heavyweights" this year will be "Buffy" Maitland who, until last Autumn, was still one of the leading jockeys. That does not mean, however, that he is going to win!

The Stewards' Cup

The Stewards Cup, the good old Stewards Cup, is the second race and looking over the entries I noticed that the owners of "Y" class ponies have stopped being optimistic and given up trying to best "Zs" and have not entered them here although they would be allowed a 10 pound advantage. Speaking at random I would say Baylight should stand an excellent chance of winning this race.

Of course, no annual hunt meeting is complete without Jorrocks, and although there is a good crop of ponies entered, which seems to guarantee us a much better race than that of last year when five started and three completed the course, the greater number will be making their first appearance over the sticks. At the moment there is some talk, in fact quite a lot of talk, of White Night. But I positively refuse to make any comments until Saturday morning.

From the Sixth Race On . . .

The fifth race is the "Z" Class Champions and there is one noticeable absentee from the entries—Christmaslight. Christmaslight, it will be remembered, won this race by nearly fifty yards last year when ridden by E. B. Moller and on the strength of this should have been able to repeat the performance this year. Miss Arguello's Ali Bey is rumoured to be somewhat of a flyer and will be ridden by Maitland too!

Racing will get down to brass tacks from the sixth race on as the remainder of the programme consists of flat racing with ponies we know something about. One race in particular has made me refer to the race book much more frequently than I care to admit and that is the "A" class of the Silver Spur Handicap. You would appreciate my enthusiasm if you knew that such ponies as Cordon Rouge, Night Express, Ashridge and Northwood were entered. Northwood will have to run at 10 pounds over his weight for inches while Cordon Rouge is penalized five pounds. At the other extreme of the weights are Black Pirate at 140 pounds and Optimiste at 142 pounds.

English Racing Prospects

London, Feb. 8.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast, sometimes with good cause and sometimes with very little. In the case of English racing there is justification for the attitude, and there is reason to believe that this summer's flat racing season will be a good one. Not, of course, up to ordinary standards, but pretty good nevertheless.

Owners have shown confidence in the survival, and revival, of racing by keeping their horses in training, and by buying at recent sales on a fairly big scale. Prices were in most cases a long way below peace-time levels, but a good deal of money changed hands, and the fact that so many horses were bought is a good sign.

Some of the foals fetched good prices, and it is significant that they will not race until 1942. Only the very hopeful expect a season approaching peace-time standard this year, but it is obvious that many owners expect things to be well back to normal a year later.

Many Gone Abroad

Since the war started many good British horses, including the 1936 Derby winner, Mahmoud, have gone abroad, and the important British bloodstock exporting industry has been maintained. But it is interesting to notice that most of the horses bought at the Newmarket sales are to stay in England.

It will be to the benefit of English racing, as opposed to the breeding and exporting industries, that they should stay at home, but they are not doing so because English buyers outbid those from overseas. The fact is that the details of the sales were arranged in something of a hurry, and it was too late to circulate catalogues abroad."

A great stimulus to racing is the fact that the King will be taking part in the sport again this year.

He has several horses in training with Willie Jarvis, and in addition has sent two yearling colts to be prepared for whatever racing there is this season. They are King's Scholar, by Felstead out of Briad Card, and an unnamed colt by Fairway out of Pepilla.

The King's brother-in-law, Lord Harewood, leading member of the Jockey Club, is also continuing to race, and has sent four more horses to the Egerton House stables.

Future of Racing

The future of racing depends to a great extent on the attitude of the Government, but the fact that the King is preparing to go on racing is a useful pointer.

One man with confidence in the future of racing is a new owner, Mr. A. E. Allnatt, a farmer and builder, who spent £10,000 on bloodstock at the Newmarket sales and hopes to win the Derby this year at his first attempt.

The horse he hopes will bring success in the Derby is Sun Lore, a two-year-old by the Derby winner Hyperion out of the St. Leger winner Bookiaw. Sun Lore is entered in the 1941 Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St. Leger. Mr. Allnatt spent £5,000 on Sun Lore and another £5,000 on 11 yearlings from the Aga-Khan's stud. They will all be trained by Lawson at Manton.

"Mr. Allnatt has never yet raced a horse," said Lawson to Reuter, "but he is a good sportsman and of the best type as an owner. I hope to do well for him. I shall keep seven of the yearlings, and the other four will probably go to Victor Smyth."—Reuter.

Shanghai Pony Club To Hold Gymkhana

The Shanghai Pony Club will resume their activities this Sunday at three o'clock when they will hold an unofficial gymkhana in the riding paddock adjoining the residence of Mr. H. Maitland on Jernigan Road.

An interesting afternoon is being planned which will be marked by several Jumping events, in addition to which mounted games will be played. A practical demonstration of some simple first aid hints will be given by Mr. H. Barra during the afternoon.

Entries for the various contests will be received on the ground but it is hoped that intending competitors will assist the officials by sending in their names beforehand in order to save time. Entries will be received by any of the following members of the Committee:—

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It is heartening to old soccer enthusiasts in the city—particularly those who recall the laxity with which local football infractions were administered to in recent years—to see the stern manner in which the Shanghai Football Association is handling rough play this season. While much has already been done to stamp out elements of an unsportmanlike nature from the sport, a great deal still remains unsolved, and this column will always devote itself to furthering better and cleaner soccer in Shanghai.

Will It be Like This on Saturday?

The face above, peering out from beneath the mud, belongs to Earl Dew, crack American jockey who brought home 285 winners to put him in the lead for the U.S. riding championship. Judging from the state of the ground here after two days of incessant rain it will not be surprising if local riders finish up in the same mud-bespattered condition on Saturday.

China Star Stage Great Rally To Win Cage Championship

Defeat Marine Officers 38-27 in Exciting Tussle After Trailing at the End of the First Half

THE China Stars, pride of local Chinese basketball, proved themselves the team of the year last night when they defeated the Marine Officers, 38-27, in the deciding dash of the Thirteenth Annual Invitation Basketball League at the Foreign "Y". The Chinese team's magnificent rally in the second half of the game gave them an undisputed right to call themselves the Champions.

Trailing by a six point deficit in the first half when the Marine Officers were leading, 18-12, a well-oiled China Star machine took the floor in the second stanza. With H. P. Wong as their spearhead, the Chinese team ran circles round the Leathernecks in this canto to emerge victors by increasing their total to 26 points. The Marines were only able add nine more points to their first half lead.

H. P. Wong undoubtedly was the man of the hour last night. His scoring spree changed the entire order of play in the second session and gave the Chinese quintette all the encouragement they required to win. Three midfield baskets turned the tide of battle against the Marines and Wong went all out to pull his team out of tight corners and build a safe lead for his side's success.

Hansowetz Well Guarded

Hansowetz was well guarded in this session and the Marines found themselves handicapped without his services. The ace Marine player only managed to score three field goals and two foul shots during his time of imprisonment. This move on the part of the Chinese played a large part in their victory.

The China Star commenced in great form when they opened scoring through Bao, who managed to convert a beautiful underhand basket throw. But the Leathernecks gradually settled down to business and piled up the count as Hansowetz rose to the occasion in three successive raids. Tension was strained to breaking point in the first few minutes of play which was even on both sides. But the game entered a new phase shortly after when the Marines began to stretch their chain of points and draw away from the Chinese.

Tables are Turned

The tables were turned in the final can to when H. P. Wong went into action and pulled his team together. The Chinese five seemed to have gone wild as they pinned the Marines in their own back zone to converted basket after basket. Their amazing transformation in this half kept the fans cheering themselves hoarse.

Although apparently helpless now, the Marines fought back and managed to tie the count on two occasions, 25-25 and 27-27. But the 27th point for the Marines brought bad luck as the Chinese pulled away to leave a Marine five fighting a desperate but losing battle. From this moment the Leathernecks were unable to score.

Box scores follow:—

CHINA STAR

	fg.	ft.	f	pts.
H. P. Wong	5	0	1	10
Y. Z. Zung	2	4	3	8
T. T. Lee	4	1	2	9
S. Z. Ning	1	1	2	3
S. Y. Pao	4	0	0	8
	16	6	8	38

MARINE OFFICERS

Mann	1	1	1	3
Stokes	0	0	0	0
Davis	1	1	3	3
Ruge	4	1	2	9
Simpson	2	0	1	4
Honsowetz	3	2	1	8
	11	5	8	27

Rugger Club Teams For Sunday

The following rugby matches have been arranged fo Sunday, February 16:—

2.15 p.m. French Forces v. Shanghai Japanese Rugby Association "A" XV.

3.15 p.m. Club "A" XV v. Shanghai Japanese Rugby Association 2nd XV.

3 p.m. (Ground 2) Club "B" XV v. Shanghai Japanese Rugby Association 3rd XV.

Club "A" XV:—Killinbeck; Okimoto, Brandt, Corfield, Hocking; Sim, Knight; Gammie, Yanus, G. H. Reynolds, Richardson, Boyd, R. U. Reynolds, de Franck and Chadwick.

Club "B" XV:—Fox; Lumsdaine, Edwards, A. Sayle, Quayle, Aris; Beeman, Bloomfield; Wilson, Hodgman, Hurley, Harrison, Chapman, McCracken, Seaby, Wheeler, Lang and Goldenberg.

Reserves For Both Games:—Club and Police members not mentioned above and who are desirous of a game are requested to be at the Club House not later than 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. In the event of any selected members being unable to turn out, Mr. R. U. Reynolds (15290) should be informed without delay.

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Country Club Score Clear-Cut Victory in Men's Badminton

Beat A.S.F. by 7-2; Flying Shuttles Rout Clube Lusitano 9-0; Sokols Give C.S.F. Close Struggle

THE Sokol came within an ace of registering their first win in the junior division of the Men's Doubles badminton league when they put up surprisingly strong opposition against the C.S.F. to lose by the narrow margin of one point; the eventual score being 5-4. Meanwhile, at the Country Club courts, the home team handed out a 7-2 beating to the A.S.F. The third fixture of the evening resulted in a complete triumph for the Flying Shuttles who, playing in their own courts, shut-out the Clube Lusitano to win by the possible score of 9-0.

Nastavin and Chooklantzeff, the Sokol's lead-off pair, were never seen to better advantage than last night when they made the well respected French Club players bring into play every trick of the game to win 2-1. There was little to choose between the two pairs as neither side was able to gain more than a point or two at a time. Play in all three sets was extremely close and the final result might have quite easily been reversed. After dropping the first game 13-15, the Russians engaged Hansen and Saul in a terrific battle to win the next frame 15-14 but were forced then to concede the last set.

Bocevitch and Bourenin started off very poorly against Popple and Mackinnon, dropping the first two sets. They were definitely off colour in the opening game, losing 7-15. But as the match progressed they improved. They extended their opponents to a 13-15 game in the next set and in a whirlwind finish triumphed in the last frame by 15-8. The Sokol's third couple were the only pair to win and in a tussle almost as close as the opening match they emerged victorious over the C.S.F. players by 2-1.

Country Club Triumph

The Country Club lead-off pair, Seddon and Cahusac were rather befuddled by the erratic play of Sabre and Jourdan. After winning the first set 15-11, the latter collapsed ingloriously in the next to lose by the overwhelming score of 3-15. Nothing they did was right. Their smashes were entirely out of focus while the drop shots were either too high or fell into the net. They made an attempt to come-back in the third set but the Country Club pair were not to be caught and won 15-11.

A. H. Eskelund and Stewart started indifferently in their match against Meadmore and Chaillan and lost the first game 7-15. They hit their stride in the next game, however, and waded right through their opponents to triumph 15-5 and carried on to win the last game 15-12. Wallace and R. Eskelund were not dangerously pressed by Bouvier and Milhomme and triumphed in three straight.

The Clube Lusitano players were no match for the Flying Shuttles and failed to produce any sort of opposition. Their first couple Machado and Britto were easy victims for Frederick Zyhan Chann and Chen Wen Tsao, who only allowed them seven points in three sets. The second-couple failed to make better impression against their opposite number, although the second set went to 13-15. Eddie Sei and Chen Hsing did not encounter much opposition in Braga and Ozorio and were able to run out winners in all three sets.

Sokol 4; C.S.F.5

Nastavin and Chooklantzeff lost to Hansen and Saul 13-15, 15-14, 10-15.

Bocevitch and Bourenin lost to Popple and Mackinnon 7-15, 13-15, 15-8.

Kotliaroff and Sedilnikoff beat Lacks and Hammangjian 15-3, 13-15, 15-14.

Country Club 7; A.S.F. 2

Seddon and Cahusac beat Sabre and Jourdan 11-15, 15-3, 15-11.

A. H. Eskelund and Stewart beat Meadmore and Chaillan 7-15, 15-5, 15-12.

Wallace and R. Eskelund beat Bouvier and Milhomme 15-9, 15-7, 15-11.

Flying Shuttles 9; Clube Lusitano 0

Frederick Zyhan Chann and Chen Wen Tsao beat Britto and Machado 15-2, 15-3, 15-2.

Huang Shen Chang and Tan Gwot Yong beat Marques and Pereira 15-2, 15-13, 15-6.

Eddie Sei and Chen Hsing beat Braga and Ozorio 15-7, 15-5, 15-9.

France Out of 1941 Tennis Picture

By Steven Fulton

Vichy, Jan. 20. (by air mail)

Jean Borotra, world famous tennis player, who has been made French Sport Commissary by Marshal Philippe Petain, told the United Press in an exclusive interview that until peace is restored in Europe there could be no question of international matches in France.

The "Bounding Basque," who in 1927, won the Davis Cup for France, at Germantown, with his team composed of Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, said:

"Since France's star players, Yvon Petra and Henri Pelizza, are in German prison camps it would be impossible for France to participate in tennis matches abroad.

"With the 1,800,000 French prisoners scattered throughout Germany and the occupied zone of France," he continued, "and every French family with at least one member in captivity, we do not feel up to playing in public. Thus, France will not be represented at Davis Cup matches next summer. However, there will be French interregional championships to be held in Paris on the courts of the Tennis Club de France.

"Henri Cochet, (Another of the Four Horsemen of the 1927 "Cup" days), has bought a farm near Paris and devotes most of his time to agricultural line, I was assured that Henri Cochet still plays tennis in his spare time. "As for Rene Lacoste," Borotra pursued, "he has accepted to head the French Lawn Tennis Federation, replacing Pierre Gillou, who resigned. However Gillou will continue in his functions until July 1 when Rene Lacoste will take over."

Knowing that Borotra is a football fan and an excellent player, I asked him whether the French soccer team would participate in the 1942 World Cup which is to be played in South America. "It is rather improbable," he said, "but if we are at peace we shall be delighted to participate for we cherish good memories of the 1938 "Cup" which was played in France."—United Press.

Junior Squash Tourney Starting Tonight

The Junior division of the Squash knock-out tournament starts this evening with two fixtures on the schedule. The Light Horse meet the Rowing Club "B.2." on the latter's courts, and the Race Club will be at home to the Rowing Club "B.1." The Foreign "Y" Juniors have drawn a bye in the opening round.

The focus of attention will centre round the tussle between the Jockeys and the Oarsmen. Both these teams have proved themselves fairly evenly matched in the league and a close match should ensue, with the Rowing Club coming out on top.

Predictions are somewhat difficult in the remaining clash. The Light Horse finished up above the Rowing Club "B.2." in the final league standings but the latter have recently shown marked improvement. In an encounter that is bound to be close, the Oarsmen are favoured to scrape home by a narrow 3-2 margin and pass into the second round.

Ten Pin Deadlock Climax Tonight

Two Deciding Battles Will Be Fought Out; Foreign "Y" Expected to Beat Jockeys

The two-way deadlock for premier honours in the Men's "A" Division of the City Ten Pin League will be broken tonight as the keglers swing into action for the second round of the tournament. Bowling on their own runways, the Foreign "Y" is expected to nose out the Shanghai Race Club five in a close tussle which should be studded with triples over the 600-mark.

In their previous encounter the Race Club, playing on their own alleys, forced the Imcas to go all out for the deciding game. Both teams are evenly matched with the "Y" quintette holding the advantage being the home team. However, judging from performances in the first round the Jockeys have more than a sporting chance as they have shown marked improvement and appear a better-balanced five.

Deciding Pine Battle

In the Pine Section the leaders in the standings, the Marine Greens and the "Y" Flukes, will be fighting out the deciding battle of the series, as both teams are well ahead of the field and should meet with little opposition in the remaining fixtures.

The Columbia Country Club Bears are in an undisputable position in the Maple Section. With the first half of the schedule completed and only one defeat in 15 starts, they should sweep the board in the second round.

Tonight's schedule follows:—

"A" Division

Y.M.C.A. v. S. Race Club
American Club v. Columbia C.C.

"B"—Maple

S. Race Club v. "Y" Luckies
C.C.C. Bears v. American Club
U.S.M.C. Reds v. Marine Officers

"B"—Pine

C.C.C. Bulls v. U.S.M.C. Whites
U.S.M.C. Blues v. Swiss Club
"Y" Flukes v. U.S.M.C. Greens

Soccer League War Cup Starting on Saturday

London, Feb. 11.

The first round of the War Cup of the Football League will be played on February 15. The matches will be played on a home-and-away basis, the goal aggregate deciding ties.

Following are the fixtures for the first round:

SOUTH

Brighton v. Arsenal
Cardiff v. Swansea
Chelsea v. Portsmouth
Clapton Orient v. Aldershot
Crystal Palace v. Queen's P. Rangers
Leicester v. Birmingham
Luton v. Northampton
Mansfield v. Stoke
Norwich v. West Ham
Notts County v. West Bromwich
Reading v. Bristol City
Southampton v. Brentford
Southend v. Millwall
Tottenham v. Bournemouth
Walsall v. Notts Forest
Watford v. Fulham

NORTH

Blackpool v. Manchester City
Blackburn v. Oldham
Bolton v. Burnley
York v. Bradford
Bury v. Preston
Chester v. Tranmere
Chesterfield v. Barnsley
Grimsby v. Doncaster
Halifax v. Leeds
Huddersfield v. Middlesbrough
Hull v. Lincoln
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FROM DAY TO DAY

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THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 a.m.

ONE thousand padded winter jackets will soon be distributed among the poor in Nantao by the Shanghai Municipality office, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports.

A CHINESE painter was taken to the St. Luke's No. 2 Hospital at 7.35 a.m. yesterday, suffering from abrasions. He fell from a ladder while working in a Chinese house at the corner of Hart and Connaught Roads.

AFTER a suspension of service of five years, the Central China Railday Company Tuesday reopened river transportation service between the Garden Bridge and Markham Road, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo."

A MUSICAL entertainment programme was held at the China Theatre, North Szechuen Road, Tuesday, on the occasion of the Japanese Empire Day, under the auspices of the Naval Society, the "Shanghai Mainichi reports.

THE results of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Club raffle for pictures "Thrown Adrift" and others were—1st prize ticket 745, 2nd 456 and 3rd 318. The entire proceeds are being donated to the Central British War Fund.

A SPECIAL English edition of the Municipal Gazette containing the Western Shanghai Area Special Police Force Agreement in full, together with map, was issued by the Secretariat of the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday.

AN attractive wall calendar has been received from the Trade Commissioner for the Union of South Africa illustrated with etchings and photographs of a few of the eighteenth-century homesteads at the Cape and South African homes of the present day.

AN emergency ambulance was called to 281 Hart Road at 2.05 a.m. yesterday to convey a Chinese woman to the St. Luke's No. 2 Hospital. The woman had taken a large dose of lysol and was dead before aid could be given her. No reason for the suicide is known.

WELL known as a writer in Germany and at present editor of "Picture Post" and "Lilliput" in London, Stephen Lorant will speak on a subject he knows only too well—"I was Hitler's Prisoner"—in a B.B.C. recorded programme. This is re-broadcast from XCDN, tomorrow at 9.30 p.m.

MR. Kanichiro Kato, manager of the Shanghai office of the Oriental Development Company, has been transferred as manager of the Heijo, Korea, branch of the firm, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported. Mr. Koshin Ugaji, manager of the Kalgan office, will succeed Mr. Kato as head of the Shanghai branch.

MESSRS. W. L. Johnstone, B. J. Hudson and H. MacGowan of the American President Lines and well known in Shanghai, have recently been promoted. Mr. Johnstone becomes passenger traffic manager; Mr. Hudson general passenger agent and Mr. MacGowan general passenger agent in charge of the Manila office.

DR. P. Z. King, Director of the National Health Administration, arrived in Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow, from Chungking on Sunday, to study public health measures in the province, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Dr. King will also be present at the commencement exercise of the public health training classes of the health administration in Kweiyang, the report states.

THE Kansu Provincial Government has voted a grant of $500,000 and $150,000 for the development of agriculture and for administrative expenditures respectively for the current year, says a Lanchow message to the "Shun Pao." Emphasis will be laid upon promoting agricultural enterprises so as to increase the farm produce to meet wartime requirements, the report adds.

THE Norwegian Legation in Shanghai has received a cable from the Norwegian Foreign Minister in London to the effect that Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Polish Government and former American Minister in Oslo, has by his Government been appointed Minister to the Royal Norwegian Government, at present in London.

AT the regular meeting of the general committee of the B.R.A. held on February 11, it was announced that the meetings sub-committee intended to arrange a series of meetings for members, which would be opened by addresses on matters of general interest and followed by a discussion, and the first of these meetings would be held in the near future. These meetings will be in addition to the formal annual and semi-annual meetings of the association.

AT a recent conference between representatives of the provincial governments of Hunan, Kiangsi, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Chekiang and Fukien an agreement was concluded whereby supplies of salt and various items of food shall be exchanged and transported to meet their respective demands, says a report to the "Cheng Yien Pao." The headquarters of the Military Affairs Commission in Kweilin has sent out circular orders accordingly to the various provinces and districts.

THE co-operative movement in Kansu province has made rapid strides in the past year, during which time over 20 new co-operative factories were established with a total subscribed capital of over C$400,000, says a Lanchow message to the "Shun Pao." These factories have produced over 400,000 camps and tents for the army. They have a mobilized gang of 10,000 workers carrying on day and night work. The average output per day is 1000 tents, the report concludes.

Rules Governing Elegibility Of Voters Issued By S.M.C.

Compilation of Voting List Approved by Council Will Be Enforced at Annual Ratepayers' Meeting

RULES governing qualifications of voters and compilation of the Voting List which have been approved by the Shanghai Municipal Council and will be enforced at the election of councillors and a Land Commissioner for the Municipal year 1941-42 at the annual meeting of Ratepayers in April were released by the Council for publication yesterday. The rules dealing with the legibility of landowners, householders and a dual combination of the two follow:—

General

(1) These rules apply to the Voting List prepared for the Election of Councillors and Land Commissioner and the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

(2) Claims by persons or firms for the inclusion of their names in the Final Voting List must be received at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors. Claims received less than one month before the said date will not be admitted.

(3) A provisional list of persons and firms duly qualified to vote in accordance with the Land Regulations will be published by the Secretary on or about December 20 and a further and final list revised to date will be published by the Secretary as soon as possible after the closing date referred to in (2) above. Publication of these lists will be effected by exhibition of copies in the Administration Building and at all Police Stations, due notice of which will be given in the press. Copies of these lists will also be distributed to Consulates, foreign organisations, bodies and clubs.

Landowners

(4) There will be included in the Voting List the names of all persons and firms other than those excepted hereunder whose names are notified to the Council by the Consulate concerned as being the registered owners of land within the Settlement, provided such land is of not less than $699.30 in assessed value and whose assessed Land Tax and/or General Municipal Rate amounts to $13.99 per annum and upwards.

(5) In the case of land registered in the name of a deceased person the Executor/Administrator of the estate will be shown in the Voting List as "representative." Votes will be allowed in such cases; as a personal interest if the Executor/Administrator is the beneficiary of the land and as a separate interest if he is not the beneficiary. In the event of decease of the Executor/Administrator there shall be succession of voting rights in respect to the land from Executor/Administrator to Executor/Administrator and so on.

(6) There will be excluded from the list the names of deceased registered landowners in respect of whose estate no satisfactory documents have been produced to establish the identity of the Executor/Administrator.

(7) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of registered owners who have not, at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors, paid all Land Tax due up to the end of the year preceding the Election and Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

(8) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of registered owners who acquired registered ownership of land during the period between January 1 and the publication of the Final Voting List who have not, at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors, paid Land Tax for the first half of the year.

(9) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of registered owners who acquired registered ownership of land less than one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors.

Householders

(10) There will be included in the Voting List the names of all foreigners having sole and independent occupation of premises within the Settlement of an assessed annual rental of $699.30 or above other than those excepted hereunder.

(11) Where the occupancy is separately rated sole and independent occupation is deemed to be held by the person in whose name the occupancy appears in the Council's rate registers.

(12) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of occupiers by or on behalf of whom there have not been paid, at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors, all rates due by them up to the end of the year preceding the Election and Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

(13) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of persons or firms who have commenced occupancy during the period between January 1 and the publication of the Final Voting List and by or on behalf of whom rates for the first quarter of the year have not been paid at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors.

(14) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of persons or firms who have commenced occupancy of premises less than one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors.

(15) There will be excluded from the Final Voting List the names of lodgers, i.e. persons living in furnished apartments in hotels, private hotels, boarding houses and other premises, who depend upon the landlord for essential services in connection with such apartments. The fact that the apartments may be occupied furnished does not in itself disqualify the occupier, but to entitle a person to franchise as a householder he must show that he has sole and independent occupation of premises or to part thereof.

(16) There will be removed from the Final Voting List the names of deceased persons and of persons who have vacated the premises which qualified them for the franchise.

Indirect Ratepayers

(17) Indirect ratepayers must submit claims to be included in the Final Voting List on the form to be obtained from the Revenue Office, a specimen of which is attached. Indirect Ratepayers for this purpose are defined as ratepayers whose names do not appear on the official rate register but who have sole and independent occupancy of premises or a portion thereof and who pay to their landlord who is in fact the registered ratepayer a rental inclusive of General Municipal Rate.

(18) Claims by indirect ratepayers must be signed not only by the person claiming a vote but also by the ratepayer of the hereditament. Indirect ratepayers must submit new claims to vote each year at least one month before the date set for the Election of Councillors.

(19) Claims by indirect ratepayers will not be admitted in cases where permission to inspect the premises is refused; nor will claims be admitted in respect of the sub-division of self-contained dwellings.

(20) Claims by indirect ratepayers will be investigated to confirm:—

(a) The foreign nationality of claimant,

(b) That the premises concerned are capable of sole and independent occupation and comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Office premises.—The portion occupied must be clearly defined by walls or partitions and must have an independent door.

(2) Residential Apartments.—The portion occupied must be clearly defined by walls or partitions and must have an independent door from the landing or corridor. The sub-dividing of parts of apartment suites does not qualify unless there is independent access to the parts.

(3) Shops with residences or office premises above.—Claims may be allowed in respect of either shop or upper portion. Any sub-division of the upper portion however must conform to the rules applying to the particular type of occupancy.

(4) Godowns.—Portions sub-let must be structurally separate with independent access.

(c) That the premises concerned are in fact independently occupied. Evidence should be available of such independent occupation by e.g., the presence of the declarant's name on a signboard on the door or entrance, the production of a current rent receipt or lease in the name of the declarant, etc.

(d) That the assessed rateable value of the premises occupied is sufficient to qualify the claimant, such value being calculated upon the proportionate value of the premises occupied based on the official rateable value of the whole upon which rates are actually paid.

(e) That the interest is separate from any other interest accorded a vote.

(21) A landowner being also a householder is entitled to be included in the Voting List in either of these capacities for which he may be qualified notwithstanding that he may be disqualified by reason of non-payment of rates or taxes in respect to one capacity."

Banks Ordered to Enforce Blockade

Merchants' Accounts to Be Watched; Dealing with Japanese Banned

All Chinese banks are reported by the "Shing Sheng News Agency" to have received an order from the Ministry of Finance at Chungking requiring them to help their Government in enforcing economic blockade regulations against the Japanese. The banks have been promised rewards and if they sustain losses as a result of their obedience, the Government will see that they are made good.

A review of the regulations reveals that all those having bank accounts hereafter will have to be careful if they are engaged in activities that may be considered as detrimental to Chungking's interest. Those who suddenly withdraw and deposit big sums of money are required to be under special supervision by the banks concerned.

Merchants applying for loans from banks will have to mention specifically in writing that they are not engaged in dealing in Japanese goods or secretly transporting enemy goods. They have also to state that they will be willing to receive severe punishments if they violate the rule. As already there are numerous merchants in Shanghai dealing in Japanese goods, it remains to be seen how the banks will react towards the new order from Chungking.

Those mortgaging goods with banks in exchange for cash must also prove that their goods are not of enemy origin, and to do so they have to furnish certificates given by Chambers of Commerce in their respective districts. The banks are required to report those secretly engaged in dealing in enemy goods or violating the blockade regulations in a different way. The banks are told to watch persons not engaged in trade but who have important financial relations with business firms. They should also pay attention to those who remit or receive big sums of money between or from coastal districts and the interior. Representatives will be sent by the Joint Office of the Four Government Banks to investigate commercial banks in connection with the new order.

Bribe to Waterworks Official Alleged

Charged with fraud, a former Chinese employee of the Shanghai Waterworks Company was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday for trial. Wang Tso-ting confessed to having received a bribe for which he allowed some Chinese living near the Louza Bridge to use water without a meter but judgment was reserved for a week. Accused was remanded in custody pending further investigations.

It was alleged in court by the prosecution that Wang had failed to report to the company a total amount of 290,000 gallons of fresh water consumed by some residents living near the Louza Bridge and North Honan Road. The accused (who was a water-meter inspector was alleged to have received some money from the residents to his own advantage.

Axis Powers Now In Dilemma

Chinese Press Comments On Developments in War In Europe

The Axis powers must act in the "very near future" otherwise they will lose the war. This is the gist of a long editorial published yesterday by the "Shun Pao", the leading Chinese daily in Shanghai, and entitled "An Analysis of the World Situation." Even speaking from a military point of view, the paper asserts, the initiatives are gradually turning into the hands of the democracies.

"If the three Axis powers's offensives are favourable to them, then China, Great Britain and the United States, which are opposing the "new order" will be reduced to taking a defensive attitude and trying to prevent the Axis powers from advancing. But this is not the case: With Italy defeated in both Europe and Africa and with Japan placed at the cross road of going northward or southward in view of the stiffening of the American attitude, the democracies have gained the initiative in the present conflict. The "lend-and-lease" bill has been introduced while Britain's large-scale offensive against Italy has already opened the offensive."

Sea Power the Issue

The two most important problems confronting the Axis powers now are the effective means of preventing America from giving aid to the democracies and the salvation of Italy, but the writer is of the opinion that Britain's sea power, when combined with that of the United States, will be the deciding factor. After obtaining enough aeroplanes from America as a result of the passing of the "lend-and-lease" bill, Britain will out general Germany in respect to the war in the air, while China will also be able to strike back when she has aeroplanes.

After the completion of the two-ocean fleet by the United States and when the British fleet in the South Pacific has combined with the United States fleet, Japan will be prevented from aiding her Axis partners and will even be crippled in respect to her foreign trade. Italy, who has so far escaped from meeting the British fleet in the open, will then be forced to run the blockade. Italy will surely be defeated and the Axis powers will then wait for the collapse, it is asserted.

The Axis powers must act since the newly passed bill in America has rendered all threats useless. The paper opines that while Germany may help Italy by passing through another country, the most effective aid would come to Italy by invading Britain and by inciting Japan to attack British Far Eastern possessions so as to divide Britain's power and attention.

Chairman Appointed by S.M.C. Committee

Mr. J. B. Etherington Joins New Council Body

Mr. C. S. Franklin, American legal practitioner and former chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was appointed chairman of the newly formed committee of the Council to investigate inequalities of taxation at its first meeting held in Council chambers on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. J. B. Etherington, a representative of the Shanghai Property Owners' Association, has been added to the committee and has consented to serve.

Members of the committee present at the meeting expressed the opinion that they might be debarred from considering certain possible recommendations regarding assessments for purposes of general Municipal rate unless it was made clear by their terms of reference that the committee would be also entitled to consider assessments for Land Tax. The Council accordingly has enlarged the terms of reference of the Committee to read:

"To consider any inequalities of taxation which in the Committee's opinion exist in the rating of owner-occupied property and tenanted property or in connection with Land Tax, and to devise practical means for remedying such inequalities as may be found."

The Committee has confirmed the previous announcement made by the Council that views of representative bodies or individual ratepayers will be welcomed. The names of bodies or persons wishing to appear before the Committee to express their views, should be sent in the secretary of the Committee not later than noon on Friday, February 14. Those wishing to place their views in writing are requested to do so as early as possible and at all events not later than Friday. Communications should be addressed to Mr. J. C. Greig, Secretary of the Committee, Room 165, Secretariat, Administration Building.

Constable Wounded with Kitchen Knife

A Chinese resident living at 512 Gordon Road, who recently injured a Chinese constable named Liu Yung shwun with a kitchen knife, believing that the latter was making love to his wife, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. Ting Cheng-ko attacked the constable when he was near Liu's home.

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Fire Brigade Charges Announced By S.M.C.

Pumping Services for Floods And Other Work

A notification was issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday that the charges for pumping services referred to in Municipal Notification 5245 of April 25, 1940, have been superseded by the following charges:

1—Within Settlement boundaries or where Municipal rates are levied and paid there is no charge for the attendance of the Fire Brigade for fire extinguishing purposes in or upon properties situated adjacent to Municipal roads and in respect of which Municipal rates are paid.

2—(a) Pumping services excluding fires. Persons whose premises have been flooded or who may desire the services of a brigade pump for any special reason may obtain such assistance at the following rates:

(I) Heavy duty pump—$60 for the first hour or any part thereof and $50 for each succeeding hour or any part thereof.

(II) Medium duty pump $50 for the first hour or any part thereof and $40 for each succeeding hour or any part thereof.

III) Trailer pump (small)—$35 for the first hour or any part thereof and $25 for each succeeding hour or any part thereof.

(IV) Use of minor appliances—Charge will be made in accordance with the nature of appliances loaned or used. All damage to appliances on loan or used on behalf of any person or firm will be charged for, unless the damage is proved to have been caused by Brigade personnel.

Personnel Charges

Charges for personnel are listed as follows:

Sub-Officer—$6 for the first hour or any part thereof and $5 for each succeeding hour or any part thereof.

Motormen—$2 for the first hour or any part thereof and $1 for each succeeding hour or any part thereof.

Firemen—$1 for each hour or any part thereof.

(b) Testing of fire extinguishers—A fee of $100 for testing of all fire extinguishers submitted for test and report. Re-test in the event of appliances having failed in the initial trial to conform to Brigade standards and requirements $80.

c) Testing of fire resisting materials, paints and liquids—$100 for any one series of tests at any one time, of such substances or liquids submitted for test and report.

(d) Testing of fire appliances such as sprinkler heads, drencher heads etc.—$100 for any one series of tests made at any one time on fire appliances submitted for test and report.

(e) Miscellaneous Charges—Services, other than those specifically mentioned in the above special services, will be charged for according to the nature of the work done or service rendered.

Lecture Today on Chinese Ivories

Mr. E. Kann Will Expose Fakers' Tricks

A very interesting and instructive lecture will be given at 5.30 p.m. to-day under the joint auspices of the Royal Asiatic Society (N.C.B.) and the International Institute of China in the R.A.S. Building at 20 Museum Road when Mr. E. Kann will present "Chinese Ivory Carvings."

Mr. Kann, a well-known and popular lecturer, will give the story of ivory and ivory carvings in China. He will begin with carvings in the Ming Dynasty, which, with few exceptions, are the earliest in China, and then will follow the development of the art down to our present day. In addition to his slides Mr. Kann will display some specimens of ivory carvings. In the course of the lecture he will also expose the imitations which baffle the unwary collector. These include carvings on bakelite, inferior bones and a German composition which is made to look like ivory by scratching it in a special manner. Elephant and walrus ivory are considered as valuable with more value attributed to the former. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Japanese Attempt To Seize Papers

Police Rush to Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Time to Prevent Seizure

The timely arrival of police foiled an attempt, staged by twelve Japanese and several Chinese, to remove the archives of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce from the Shanghai Bankers' Association at 59 Hongkong Road at 10 a.m. yesterday.

The group, which had arrived in several trucks, appeared at the offices of the Association and demanded the archives. An alarm, however, was sent to S.M.P. Headquarters and a group of police officials arrived on the scene.

The Japanese who, it was learned, did not have any documents authorizing them to take the records, departed without taking anything, after having spoken to the police officials.

Yesterday's attempt to seize the documents was believed to have been made by he Japanese with the aim of stopping the functions of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, since another Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government, has been in existence for almost a year.

The president of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, an ex-member of the French Municipal Council and one of the 87 Chinese blacklisted by the Nanking Government. He is at present in Hongkong.

Strike Settlements Continue Here

Nanking-Sponsored Union Fails to Control Labour

Labour troubles are definitely on the decrease in Shanghai and the barbers of the White Rose and five other hair dressing saloons in the French Concession have returned to work, following the promise of the shop owners to reconsider their demands.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Social Movement Direction Committee of the Nanking Government has appointed new members of the Shanghai Municipality Labour Union Readjustment Committee and has ordered that all affairs of labour unions be reported to the Social Movement Direction Committee, through its Shanghai Branch.

It is reported, however, that efforts made by the Social Movement have met with failure. The workers of the French Tramway Company refuse to pay membership fees to officials of the Nanking-sponsored union, declaring that the funds have been misappropriated. In connection with this, five men were arrested by the French Police on Monday. They were later released on bail.

Telephone Cable Out Of Action

The Shanghai Telephone Company reports that a very important downtown telephone cable is temporarily out of service and that 800 subscribers' lines are affected.

The area concerned is bounded on the North by Avenue Edward VII. on the South by Boulevard des Deux Republiques, on the East by the French Bund and on the West by Rue Petit.

An official of the company stated yesterday that repair gangs will be working continuously to rectify the trouble but at the time of going to press, it is not known when full service can be restored.

Salvation Army Appeal

Greatly pleased Salvation Army officers here yesterday proudly announced that the 1941 Appeal Fund had passed the $90,000 mark and was steadily mounting. The total yesterday rose to $90.194 and with donations coming in from all parts of the city and from persons of many nationalities. From the Head Mistress and staff members of the Public School for Girls came the handsome and greatly appreciated sum of $465, the day's largest donation.

In order properly to carry on its fine charitable and humanitarian activities during the remainder of the current year the Army needs $175,000, it is explained by Brigadier B. Morris, director of the campaign and commanding officer of the Army in this region.

Donations should be sent to Army Headquarters, Sassoon Arcade, 40 Nanking Road. The new list of donations follows:

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Yueh Liang-tsai	10		
Heng Chang-hsiang	10		
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Ray,F.R.	10	Watkins,R.G.	20
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New Delhi Budget Session

New Delhi, Feb. 12.

A budget session of the Central Assembly opened here yesterday.—Reuter.

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Dies Collapses From Sheer Fatigue

Rest for Anti-Sabotage Worker Ordered

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Martin Dies, Texas Democrat and chairman of the House Committee Investigating un-American Activities, yesterday collapsed in his office, where he was found unconscious on the couch when his secretary returned from lunch.

Two physicians and Mrs. Dies immediately were summoned. The Congressman quickly was revived, but the doctors remained in attendance. They said the collapse was due to fatigue and ordered rest for him.—United Press.

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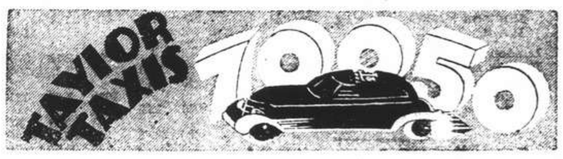

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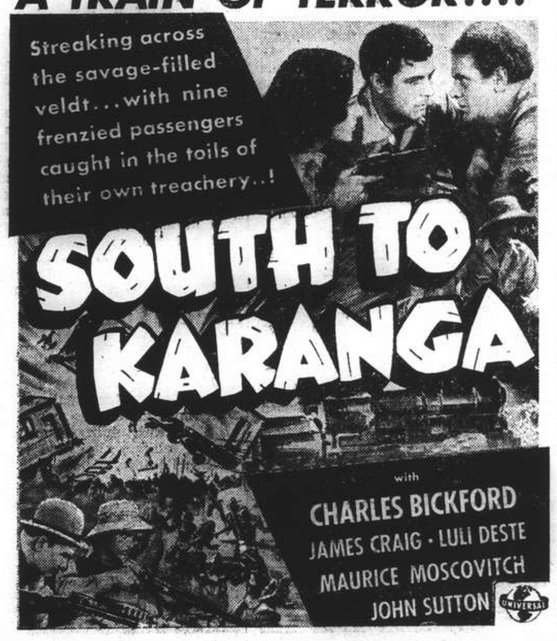

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 11/32d.	....	$ 71.78
U.S. $100 @ 5⅜	....	$1,860.47
Yen 22⅞	....	$100
Guilders 10	....	100
Rupees 18½	....	100
Pesos 10¾	....	100
Hongkong $22¼	....	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 7/16d.	$ 69.81
U.S. $100 @ 5½	$1,818.00
London—demand, $1=	3 7/16d.
4 months' sight credits	3½d.
4 months' sight docts	3 17/32d.
6 months' sight credits	3 17/32d.
6 month' sight docts	3⅝d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5½
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5⅝
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5⅝

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03½ U.S. $1=59.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 3 23/32d. U.S. $5 15/32

Hongkong/London 1/3

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Java Guilders .... Selling 10⅛

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,818.182 £1=$69.818

Selling U.S.$100=$1,860.465 £1=$72.452

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d per H.H.$ 1

U.S.$ Selling „ @ 9⅜ „ H.H.$100

Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 177½ per H.H.$100

CUSTOM OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing $2.797

Gold Unit 1.00—CRB$ or Local $ $5.063

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	3⅜	3 23/32
U.S. $	5 7/16	5 15/32

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	Feb./March	BUYING
£ T.T.	3 11/16	4 m/s. l.c.	3 13/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5⅜	4 m/s. l.c.	5½
Rs. T.T.	18⅝	15 d/s.	19⅛

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23 5/16	23 5/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.04	—
Bombay offtake 75 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing rate for Feb. 11	4.03
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.86
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.87

The market opened with sellers at 3⅜d. sterling and 5 7/16 U.S.$. The market was quieter but uncertain during the major portion of the morning with always good buyers at the opening rates. At the close the market was quiet with sellers at:—

3 23/32d. sterling	5 15/32	U.S.$	Cash
3 11/16 „	5 15/32	„	Feb.
3 21/32 „	5⅝	„	Mar.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Feb. 11.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	81¼ N.	London	1/5 31/32
N.Y.	332¾-332¼	2 mths	
Shanghai	19¾	„ sellers	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	84¼	„ buyers	1/6 1/32
		Japan 2 mths	
		„ sellers	82¾ N.
		„ buyers	77

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6 1/32
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 1/32
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 1/32
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2½
Shanghai	3½d.	„ buying	1/2

New York U.S.$. T. T. on:

Berlin	40.05	Japan	23.45/23.48*
Spain	9.25 N.	Shanghai	5.55
Paris	2.20	Hongkong	24.22
Italy	5.05 N.	Hungary	19.75
S'zerland	23.24	Rumania	0.50
„ "free"	23.26	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	23.85	Finland	2.05
Montreal	82.875	Manila	49.80 N.
Brazil	5.05		
London	4.03		
Buenos Aires Paper	29.78		
„ „ „ market rate	23.60		
Montreal on London	4.86⅛		

N—Nom. *Offered. †—Free rate.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Feb. 11.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills	6 months	3¼%
Call money		0⅞%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B / 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0⅝%B / 0 9/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 11.

After ruling steady, the London rubber market improved slightly on covering and a scarcity of sellers.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 12½ +1/16; sellers 12⅝ +1/16; Mar. delivery, buyers 12½ +1/16; sellers 12⅝ +1/16.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures. Mar. 8.25 +3; May 8.27 —2; July 8.28 —2; Oct. 8.17 —2; Egyptian Futures. Giza, F.G.F. No. 7, No. 2 contract: Mar. 11.05 +2; May 11.04 +2; July 11.00 +02; Nov. 11.02 +02.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, middle price £257⅛ +¼; 3 mths. middle price £258⅜ +¼.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 12.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.215	S	.215	S
Baguio Gold	.14		.14	B
Big Wedge	.22	S	.22	S
Consolidated Mines	.0021	S	.0021	S
East Mindanao	.07	S	.07	S
I. X. L.	.23	S	.23	S
Itogen	.15	S	.15	S
Masbate Consolidated	.0875		.09	S
Surigao Consolidated	.18		.18	B
United Paracale	.125		.125	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.1125	S	.1125	S
Manila Hai-Alai	7.00		7.00	B
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	4.30 asked			

S—Sales.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

	Feb. 11	Feb. 12
London spot	23 5/16d.	Unrecd.
„ forward	23 5/16d.	„
„ gold	168/–	168/–

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

General uncertainty and unconfirmed rumours contributed to the easiness of the market yesterday which, after opening weak, continued in the same manner under very heavy selling pressure. There were moments of reaction, but each time selling was resumed and prices were inclined to drift lower, though there was no sign of a real break. On the whole it can be said that industrials behaved well, but rubbers were hard hit and registered the biggest losses in percentage. The turnover naturally was heavier than for some time.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
462.56	105.32	General	307.31	— 7.61
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	233.14	—14.94

Total 353,713 shares, 90 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance					500	18.20
	500	18.10	2500	17.90	2000	*17.80
	8000	18.00	2000	17.80	500	17.60
	500	17.70	2000	17.90	7500	17.80
	500	*17.30	500	17.70	500	*17.70
	50	*17.60				
S'hai Loan			1000	23.50	1000	*23.00
	2000	23.25	1000†	*22.50	1500	23.00
	1000	22.75	500	22.50	500	*22.75
	500	22.50				
I. I. Trust			500	26.00	5000	25.75
	1500	*25.50	5000	25.50	1000	25.25
	8000	25.00	1000	*24.75	2000	24.75
	500	24.50				
S'hai Securities			1000	6.30	2500	6.25
	1500	*6.30	3500	6.30	500	*6.25
	1500	*6.10	500	6.00	2500	6.10
	500	6.15	1500	*6.20	1500	6.20
	5000	6.15	500	*6.15	500	*6.10
	2000	6.10	300	6.15		
China Realty (X.D.)					6000	9.10
	2000	9.00	500	*9.10	500	9.05
	4500	9.00				
S'hai Land			2000	12.90	3500	12.80
	1008	12.50				
Dockyards			3400	32.50	1600	32.75
	200	*32.50	600	32.25	300	32.00
	200	*32.00	900	31.50	900	31.25
	700	31.00	2300	31.50	2800	31.75
	500	*32.00	3600	32.00	100	*31.50
	600	31.25	2600	31.50		
Ewo Brewery			500	8.15	1500	8.20
	3000	8.25	3500	8.30	500	*8.25
	3500	8.10	500	8.15	5000	8.05
	500	8.00	500	*8.05	500	*8.10
	4000	8.10	3000	8.15	3000	8.05
	500	8.00	1000	*8.00	500	*8.05
	4000	8.00				
Wheelock			500	104.50	200*†	105.00
	1000	104.00	2500	105.00	600*	105.00
	300*	105.50	2100	105.50	2200	104.50
	500*	104.00	500*	104.50	2000	104.00
	1300	103.50	1000*	104.00	400	104.50
	200	105.00	1700	103.50	100	104.00
	100*	104.00	100*	103.50	1200	103.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			6600	46.75	800	*46.50
	3800	46.50	600	*47.00	100	*46.75
	1400	46.25	100	*46.25	1500	*46.00
	700	46.25	2500	46.00	600	45.75
	3000	45.50	200	*45.25	100	45.25
	3300	45.75	2000	46.00	100	*46.00
	4000	46.25	600	45.50	300	*45.75
	1100	45.50	300	*45.50	1100	45.75
	1100	45.50				
Textile			1000	9.40	500	9.30
	12000	9.50	500	9.45	2000	9.55
	1000	*9.55	1500	9.40	1500	9.45
	5000	9.35	1000	*9.35	1000	9.30
	1000	9.40	500	*9.40	500	9.30
Worsted			1000	6.30	2000	*6.30
	2500	6.25	500	6.20	500	*6.20
	1000	6.15				
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	46.50
	300	*45.50				
C. G. Omnibus			100	18.60	200	*18.70
	100	18.50	200	*19.50	200	18.40
	300	18.20	1300	18.00	100	17.90
Telephone			100	37.00	200	36.75
	600	36.50	100	36.00		
S'hai Gas (Old)			200	17.60	100	17.30
	700	17.40	200	*17.50	200	17.40
	100	17.30				
Lumber			200	53.50	300	53.00
	400	52.50	100	*52.50	500	52.00
Metal			700	32.75	600	33.00
	100	32.50	2700	32.25	600	*32.00
	200	*31.75	400	32.00	1600	32.50
	100	32.75	100	32.50	2100	32.00
	300	*32.00	100	*32.25	600	31.75
	100	*31.75				
Metal (New)			500	*27.75	300	28.00
	3700	27.75	100	*27.75	100	*27.50
	1300	27.50	1000	27.00	1200	*26.75
	100	*26.75	100	*27.00	1400	27.25
	1100	27.50	100	27.75	100	*27.00
	1500	27.00	100	26.75	200	*26.75
	800	27.00				
Kaiping					1500	49.75
Exploration			8000	25.75	1000	25.50
	500	*25.75	1500	25.50	4000	25.25
	1000	*25.25	4500	25.00	2000	25.50
	500	*25.50	4000	25.25	500	*25.00
	4500	25.00	1000	*24.75	1000	24.75
Power (Pref)					130	132.75
Anglo Dutch			100	*19.80	800	19.80
	400	19.90	500	20.00	100	19.70
	1100	19.60	200	19.50	200	*19.50
	500	19.00	100	18.50	200	19.00
	200	18.80				
Anglo Java			600	40.00	1500	39.75
	500	*38.50	700	39.50	900	39.25
	1400	39.00	300	39.50	200	39.75
	300	39.25	400	39.00	700	38.75
	100	*38.75	800	38.50		
Batu Anam					1000	1.44
Ayer Tawah					500	6.50
Kroewoek			2000	2.70	3000	2.65
	3000	2.60	2000	2.62½	1000	2.55
	3000	2.50				
Kota			1000	5.25	1000	5.20
	2000	5.00	3000	4.80		
Langkat			100	30.25	200	*29.75
	1400	29.75	500	29.50	800	29.25
	800	29.00	700	29.50	700	29.00
	900	28.75	200	28.50	200	*28.25
Repah					2000	1.20
Rubber Trust			500	10.20	500	10.10
	1500	9.80				
Senawang			3000	*1.46	1000	1.46
	1000	1.44				
Sungala					500	*6.85
Tebong			1000	1.46	1000	1.44
	2000	1.42	6000	1.40		
Ziangbe			100	23.25	500	23.00
	100	22.75	100	22.50		
Ewo (Rights)					138	19.00
Power 5½% Debs.					9000	90.00

ODD LOTS

S'hai Securities			200	6.35
Rubber Trust			100	10.40
Tram (Bearer) £1			500	46.75
I. I. Trust	250	25.25	100	25.25
Textile			100	9.40
Worsted			150	6.20
Ewo Brewery	350	8.20	100	8.35
Exploration			200	24.75
Kota			500	4.95
S'hai Loan			20	23.75
S'hai Land	200	12.60	400	12.90
Ewo Mills (Ord)	75	46.00	50	46.25
50 46.25	25	47.00	25	*47.00

*—Direct Business.
*—Outport Business.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H.	per bale	$1,406
Tungchow cotton	.. per picul	232
Shanghai cotton	.... per picul	212
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	picul	$5,000 nom.
Flour, local	.. per bag (49lb.)	$23.00
Flour, imported	per bag (49lb.)	23.90

New Shipping Combine

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

Aimed at unification of shipping routes between Japan and China, a bill will shortly be introduced to the plenary session of the House of Representatives, changing the status of the Toa Kaiun Kaisha, which was established in 1939.

The new company will be capitalized at Y.100,000,000, of which Y.73,000,000 will be provided by the Toa Kaiun Kaisha and the balance by other companies.—Domei.

London Bullion

London, Feb. 11.

London Gold: Bar, Fine, per oz. ...... 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: There was a little trade buying. Offers were scarce, Market steady. After the official fixing the market remained steady with no business done.

Spot	23 5/16d.	unch.
Forward	23 5/16d.	+1/16d.

—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 11.

Weak conditions were witnessed on Wall Street today, with stock values losing from fractions to over 1 point from yesterday. Adverse news and preholiday considerations offset favourable domestic business reports and Mr. Wendell Willkie's testimony favouring aid to the British.

News bulletins in the afternoon, indicating increased tension in the Balkans, precipitated a wave of selling, which spread over the entire list, with recent market leaders heading the way downward. The impending holiday tended to added caution.

The volume of business done totalled 420,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	123.80	122.51	122.61	—1.58
20 Rails	28.21	27.91	27.92	—0.36
15 Utilit.	19.85	19.60	19.61	—0.28
40 Bonds	——	——	90.69	—0.31
11 Commod.	——	——	55.71	—0.17

Feb.	10	11	Feb.	10	11
Adams Exp	6¼	6	Lockheed	23¾	23
Alg Lud	21½	21½	Loew's	32½	32½
Allis Chal	32	30½	Loft Inc	16⅛	16⅜
Alum Ld	*71	70	Mack Trks	28½	27½
Amer Can	86½	86¾	Martin	26¾	25½
Am Cyan	34	33½	McK & R	26⅜	25½
Am For Pr	0½	0⅝	Mont Ward	36½	36
„ $7 pfd	17	17	Mountain	3½	3
Am Loco	14½	13½	Nat Avian	9¼	9
Am Metal	18¾	*17½	Nat City B	*26⅜	*25⅞
Am Radtr	6½	6½	Nat Dairy	13½	13¼
Am R Mill	13¼	13¾	Nat Dist	21	20⅞
Am Smelt	41	40⅝	Nat Lead	17	16⅜
Am Sug R	14½	14	Nat P & L	6⅝	6½
Am T & T	163⅜	163	Nat Sup Co	5⅞	*5⅜
Am Tob B	70⅝	69½	N Y Cent	13½	12¾
Am Wtwrks	6	5⅞	Niag Hud	2⅞	2⅞
Anaconda	24⅝	23¾	N A Avian	15	*14½
Atchison	22½	21⅞	N Am Co	15½	15⅜
Avian Cpn	4¼	4½	N Pacific	6½	6⅜
Bald Loco	15⅝	15½	O I Glass	44¾	44
Balt & O	*3⅞	3½	Pac G & E	27½	26¾
Barber	9*	9	Packard	3	3
Barns Oil	8⅜	8½	Pan A Air	13¾	13¼
Bendix	35	34⅝	Paramount	11½	11
Beth Steel	†82¼	80	P & R Coal	0⅝	0¾
Bliss	17	16⅝	Penns R R	23¾	23¼
Boeing	16½	16	Phil Pet	37	36¼
Borg War	18¾	18⅜	P S of N J	28⅜	28½
Briggs	22½	21⅜	Pullman	24½	23⅞
Budd Mfg	4½	4	Pure Oil	7¾	7⅝
Can Pac	3⅜	3½	Radio Cpn	4½	4¼
Case J I	49½	*47	Reading	*13½	13
Celanese	25	24¾	Rem Arms	*5½	*5¼
Chase N B	*31	*30½	Rep Avian	4½	4½
Chrysler	66	65½	Rep Steel	19⅜	18¾
Ches & O	41½	41	Rev C & B	9¼	9¼
Col G & E	4¼	4½	Rey Tob B	33	33¼
Col Credit	30	29⅞	Safeway	40	39⅞
Com & Sth	0 11/16	0 11/16	Schenley	10½	9⅞
Cons Edis	21⅞	21⅞	Sear Roeb	72⅞	†72
Cons Oil	5½	5½	Shell U Oil	11¼	11½
Cont Can	38	37⅞	Soc Vac	9	8¾
Cont Oil	18⅜	18	Sthrn Pac	9½	8¾
Copld St	*16	15⅜	Sthrn Ry	*22½	21¾
Curtis Wr	8½	8⅜	Spicer	*32½	*32½
„ A	27	26½	Std Brands	6⅜	6¼
Deere	20½	19⅞	Std G & E	*1	*1
Dist Cpn	17½	*16¾	Std Oil C	19	19¼
Douglas	69⅜	68½	Std Oil N J	34½	34½
Du Pont	148½	146½	Stone & W	6¼	6¾
E P Lead	9½	9	Studebaker	7½	6⅞
Eaton Mfg	32¾	32	Swift Int	*18½	18½
Elec A L	29½	28⅞	Technicor	9	9
Elec B & S	3½	3½	Tex Cpn	37½	37
„ $5 pfd	*55	*54⅜	Tex Gulf	36½	36⅜
„ $6 pfd	63½	62¾	Timken	30⅞	30⅜
Elec P & L	32	31½	Transamer	4⅝	4½
Flitkote	13⅞	13½	Tw Cent	6⅜	6¼
Gen A Tr	52	*51½	Un B & P	11	10⅞
Gen Elec	33	32⅜	Un Carbide	65	64½
Gen Motor	44⅝	†43½	Un Air	37½	37½
Gen Rly	*13	*13½	Un Pac	79⅜	79
Gen T & R	*11⅝	11⅞	Un A Lines	14½	13½
Glidden	13½	13⅞	Un Corp	1½	1¼
Goodrich	13⅜	13⅝	„ $3 pfd	27½	27¾
„ $5 pfd	62½	62	Un Gas	0 13/16	0 11/16
Goodyear	*17½	17½	Un Gas	9½	9½
Gt N I Ore	*14½	14½	U S Indus	24½	24½
Gt N Rly	26	24½	U S Rub	20⅝	19⅞
Gt W Sug	21	21	„ pfd	87	86
Grey Cpn	*11½	11½	U S Smelt	60	59⅝
Her Pow	*68½	68½	U S Steel	62⅞	61
Homestake	49½	48½	Vanadium	29	29
Int Nickel	25½	22½	Vultee	7½	6¾
Int Paper	12⅞	12½	Walworth	5½	5
Int. T & T	2½	2½	War Br Pic	3½	3½
Johns Man	58⅝	57½	West Elec	96½	95
Kennecott	33	32⅝	Woodward	29½	29
Libbey O F	36½	*35			

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	55¼	55¼
Australia Comm.	59¾	*58¾
Balt. & Ohio "A"	41	38¼
Brazil (U.S. of)	19	19½
„ „	15⅝	16
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	91⅞	90⅝
Erie	18	17⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	40⅞	39¾
New England Gas & Elec.	64½	64½
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	46½	45½
Stand. Gas & Elec.	79	78⅞

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCK

	Feb. 4	11
Air Associates	*11½	11¼
Alaska Juneau	4⅝	4⅜
Amer Locomotive 7% pfd.	83½	86¼
Amer. Machine & Foundry	13	13
Ass. Gas & Elec.	1½	*1½
Atl. Gulf & W. Ind.	*17½	19½
Atlantic Refining	22½	22⅜
Atlas Corp.	6¾	6¾
Auburn Central Mfg	*2⅜	*3½
Bell Aircraft	20⅞	20½
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.	3½	4½
Bridgeport Brass	*10½	10½
Bklyn. Manhattan Trans.	6	5⅞
Callanhan Zinc Lead	*1	1
Climax Molybdenum	27½	27½
Cluett, Peabody	*29	30½
Coml. Invest Trust	35½	36
Coml. Solvents	9⅜	9¼
Corn Products	45⅜	46
Coty Inc.	4½	4⅜
Coty Int.	0⅜	0⅜
Elec. Boat Co.	14⅜	14½
Erie Rly	0⅜	*0⅜
Int. Harvester	48	48½
Jones & Laughlin	*10¾	10⅜
Nat. Gypsum	7½	7⅜
Piper Aircraft	*7½	*7½
Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8	7½
Richfield Oil	8	7¾
Ryan Aeronantical	*3½	*3½
Southern Rly.	12½	12½
Sperry Corp.	32½	33½
Thompson Prods.	29	*29
Tidewater Ass. Oil	9½	9½
Twin City Rapid	*20	*20
Un. Light & Power "A"	0⅜	0 5/16
U.S. Realty & Imp.	1⅜	*1½
Youngtown Sheet & Tube	35⅜	35⅜
Royal Bank of Canada	160	160
Guaranty Trust	293	293

BONDS

Chicago, Milwaukee St. Paul	5¼	6
Denmark	36½	38
Denver & Rio Grande	*6½	*7½
New York, Chic. & St.	78	*78
Oslo (City Norway)	*25½	*25
Republic of Columbia	*30½	33
„ „ (1928)	*30½	33½
Republic Steel	104½	104½
Rio Grande do Sul	8⅜	8⅜
Sthrn. Rly.	77⅜	78½
N. Y. Government	101⅜	101⅜

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Today's session was a quiet preholiday affair, with prices easing from fractions to over one point. Several major issues touched new lows for the year, and many traders lightened their holdings over the holiday also, as a result of the nervousness prevailing over the Balkan situation. Business news was largely favourable but traders remained extremely cautious. Wall Street was unusually interested in Mr. Wendell Willkie's testimony on the Lend and Lease Bill, but the market showed no direct reaction.

Stocks:—The market is again in the area where support is likely to be met and from which a good rally should develop, if no shocking news breaks.

STATISTICS

	This Week	Last Week
Business Failures	284	300
Demand Deposits in Federal Reserve Member Banks	$22,798	$22,932
	(millions)	
	Week Ended 8/2	Week Ended 1/2
Crude Oil Daily Average Production (Pet. Inst. of N.Y.'s)	3,618,000	3,590,000
	(barrels)	

Cotton:—There was a steady demand for new crop months, probably inspired by the suggested changes in the Farm Programme.

Wheat:—The market was weak. Buying support was lacking as the trade continues to stress the excess supply situation and favourable crop prospects.

Corn:—Moderate liquidation was influenced by the action of wheat.

Rubber:—Conditions were firm. The tight freight situation and the uneasiness over Far Eastern developments are restricting offerings.

Hides:—March liquidation and the weakness of stocks were the chief influences. Spots were quiet but steady.

Cocoa:—The market was strong on the evidence of British co-operation in the cocoa marketing quota programme.

Sugar No. 4:—Despite the continuation of March liquidation, prices remained steady.

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 11.

Apart from the continued firmness of Indian stocks, mostly listless conditions prevailed on the London Stock Exchange today with Balkan uncertainties stifling buying interest.

British gilt-edged securities ruled steady, but industrials, home rails and oils were dull.

Among foreign bonds, Belgian 4 per cent. advanced from 64 to 66, which is now 50 per cent. above the year-end price, but Greek issues receded a triffle.—Reuter.

Feb.	10	11
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£103⅝	103⅝
3% Defence Loan	101¼	101¼
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	44	44
4½% Anglo-French Loan	42—47	42—47
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26	26
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	34	34
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	10	10
5% Honan Rly., 1905	16	16
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	15	15
5% „ „ „ (Ger. Is.)	13	13
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	16	16
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	15	15
G.	15	15
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	15	15
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	15	15
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	13	13
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	47	47
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	23½	23
6% Sterling Loan, 1924	27	27
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	8¾
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	80†	78
„ „ „ (Col. Reg.)	81 N†	80 N
Mercantile Bank of India	11⅛	11⅛
National Bank of India	31¾	31¾
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	20	20
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/6	10/6
B'tish American Tobacco	91/10½	91/10½
Dunlop Rubber	33/9	33/6
Imp. Chem. Industries	29/3	29/-
United Steel	22/6	22/7½
Woolworths	53/6	52/7½
MINES		
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	18/-
Chosen Corp.	4/-	4/-
Marsman Investments	7/6	6/3
Pekin-Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Sub-Nigel	147/6	147/6
Western Holdings	10/-	9/9
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	35¼	34¾
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	15/7½	15/7½
London, Midland & Scot.	14⅝	14⅛
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13½	13½
Shell Transport & Trad.	45/-	44/4½

†—Ex didvidend. N—Nominal.

U.S. Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 11.

Cotton prices early moved up on speculative and New Orleans buying, coupled with some demand from "spot" houses. Later, the market turned easier on realizing and in sympathy with a weak stock market. Closing quotations ranged from unchanged to 4 points down from the previous final levels.

Contrary to the trend witnessed in most of the other commodity markets, raw rubber futures held firm today in a session of fairly active trading, on general buying, influenced by unsettling news from the Far East and a tight freight situation. At the last call over, gains from 8 to 15 points were recorded.

Good crop prospects, the weakness of securities, poor mill demand and the Balkan news depressed values in the Chicago wheat pit toay. At the final bell, losses from 1⅜ to 1¾ cents were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	10.36-36 —03	Mar.	20.10 N. +08
May	10.33-33 —04	May	20.02 B +10
July	10.21-21 —04	July (N.C.)	
Oct.	9.76-76 unch.		19.85 B +11
Dec.	9.72-72 —01	Sept. (N.C.)	
Jan.	9.69 N. +09		19.70 N. +15

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar.	2.01-03 +01 B/A	Mar.	0.68½-69 unch. B/A
May	2.07-08 +02 B/A	May	0.71½-72 unch. B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	80-79⅞ —1¾	May	60⅞-61 —⅜
July	74¼-74⅛ —1⅜	July	60¾-60⅞ —½

New York Silk No. 1

Mar. 2.48-49 —1½

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

New York Market Declines

New York, Feb. 11.

Prices on the stock market declined by fractions to more than one point today in dealings before the Lincoln birthday holiday. Trading in several prominent issues made new lows for the year.

Selling was ascribed to the disposition of traders to lighten their holdings over the holiday tomorrow, coupled with nervousness over the Balkan situation.

Bonds were featured by a new break in United States Government issues. In the meantime, commodities were mixed, while wheat made losses ranging to ⅝ cent per bushel. Other grains were easy, while cotton futures were steady and firm and sugar futures were improved.

Britain's action in severing relations with Rumania unsettled the market, but there was no heavy selling and volume sell to the lightest levels since September 16. Despite fears of war any taxes, many traders steadily were buying in situations which appeared to be favoured by present events.

This sort of selective buying was expected to continue, regardless of the general trend of the market. Wall Street agreed with the forecast by Standard Statistics that "investment policy should remain cautious until we pass the climax of the imponderable world situation, with every threat of its becoming more critical in the next few months than at any time in the past."—United Press.

Turkish Officers Train Afghan Youth

Peshawar, Feb. 12.

Three officers of the Turkish General Staff have left for Kabul (capital of Afghanistan) to take up their appointment as new members of a Turkish military mission imparting military education to Afghan youth.—Reuter.

Japan National Association Assails "U.S. Arrogance"

Newly-formed Organization Urges Strong Stand In Face of "Acts of Increasing Hostility

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

A STRONG note of warning was sounded today by the National Association against the "arrogant attempts to interfere with Japan's national policies and violate Japan's living space on the part of the United States, which has been vigilantly watching for an opportunity for this purpose counting on Japan's exhaustion," states a Japanese report.

The National Association was formally organized this afternoon by about ,1000 representatives of various groups at a rally in Uyeno Park in an effort to launch a nation-wide drive for "pulling the country through the emergency period by further tightening national unity and solidarity."

Sponsors of the new organization include more than 200 members of the House of Representatives, among them Mr. Chuji Machida, former President of the now defunct largest political party, the Minseito; Mr. Chikuhei Nakajima, former President of the now defunct reformist faction of the Seiyukai Party; Mr. Kezo Adachi, former President of the defunct National League, and Mr. Kiyoshi Akita, former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The association's membership also includes Mr. Hachisaburo Hirao, former Minister of Education; Baron Kiyozumi Inouye, Baron Iwakusu Ida, Dr. Mannosuke Yamaoka, Mr. Choichiro Tokutomi, veteran journalist; 60 generals on the retired list, including Gen. Takashi Hishikari, Gen. Jinzaburo Mazaki, Gen. Shigemoto Oi, Lieut.-Gen. Zenziro Ishizaka, Lieut.-Gen. Ichiji Inouye, Lieut.-Gen. Makoto Sato, Major-Gen. Junichi Sango and Major-Gen. Chiyomatsu Oka; about 20 admirals, including Admiral Eisuke Yamamoto, Vice-Admiral Count Chosei Ogasawara and Rear Admiral Takeji Sosa, and several leading publicists, among them Mr. Taketora Ogata, Director of the "Asahi Shimbun" chain of newspapers.

Policy of "Conciliation"

For the past 20 years Japan has pursued a policy of conciliation towards the United States with patience and forbearance but the United States returned Japan's conciliation and concession with acts of increasing hostility, states a manifesto adopted by the association at today's meeting.

"It was the United States that arranged the Washington Conference to limit Japan's armaments and make Japan renounce her special interests in East Asia," the manifesto goes on. "It was again the United States which imposed the inferior naval ratio on Japan through the London Conference. Further it was the United States that not only interfered in the Manchurian and Shanghai incidents but refused to recognize Manchukuo. The United States has given full play to her hostility against Japan since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities."

Declaring that assistance extended by Great Britain, the United States and Russia, especially by the United States, is responsible for the Chungking regime's persistence in resistance against Japan in the fact of the uninterrupted series of military reverses, the manifesto urges the nation to prepare fully against the worst eventuality, otherwise lasting peace in East Asia will not be realized.

A resolution adopted at the same meeting reminds the Prime Minister. Prince Ayamaro Konoye, that the time has come for Japan to prepare for the worst eventuality, pointing out that several big Powers have been manifesting their growing hostility towards Japan since the conclusion of the three-power pact.

The resolution counsels the Premier to redouble efforts to bring the new national structure drive to a successful conclusion by fully utilizing the National Service Association and by "suppressing Democratic and Communistic ideas."

The meeting adopted votes of thanks for the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China, the Commanders of the Korean, Kwantung and Formosan Armies and the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Seas.—Reuter.

Chinese in Manila Fight Market Code

Aliens Given Three Years To Vacate Stalls; Protest Filed with Commissioner

Manila, Feb. 12.

The Chinese Consulate-General has not given up the fight against the market code, which the Manila City Council has passed and the mayor has signed. The code, as finally approved after more than a year, gives aliens three years in which to vacate market stalls. Only American and Filipino citizens can holds stalls in the markets.

The Chinese Consulate, it is understood, has filed a protest with the office of the United States High Commissioner, which made its objections known to the original code which would have sent out aliens from the city markets in six months.

The City Council thought of protecting Filipino market vendors following the speech of Senor Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines, on the Luneta in 1939, in which he said that no nation could hope to be strong if its trade were in the hands of foreigners.

The Chinese Consulate-General opposed the code from the beginning, as the code hit Chinese more than any other aliens. The Chinese, for reasons best known to city officials are in possession of the choicest stalls in the city markets.

The office of the High Commissioner said that the code as drafted might be against United States policy in view of pacts signed with China. The Municipal Board reworded the code, leaving to the President of the Philippines the enforcement of the measure. The President was reported to have objected to this arrangement on the allegation that the measure was purely local in nature. The three-year provision was inserted and the mayor signed the ordinance.

It is recalled that the local Chinese carried their fight against the Book-keeping Law, enacted by the Philippine Legislature some 12 years ago, to the Supreme Court of the United States.—Reuter.

Status of Indians in Ceylon Questioned

New Delhi, Feb. 12.

Fundamental differences regarding the question of the status of Indians resident in Ceylon led to failure of the Indo-Ceylon Exploratory Conference last November, explains a communique issued by the Viceroy.

Informed circles believe that the failure is not regarded by either side as final, but that events in the near future will make a fresh approach and reconciliation of the outstanding differences feasible.—Reuter.

Hongkong Passes New Defence Regulation

Hongkong, Feb. 12.

A completely new defence regulation authorizing deportation of persons other than natives of the Crown Colony whether British or not was promulgated in a special government gazette issued yesterday.

The notification states that if the Governor deems it necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, defence or efficient prosecution of war or for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community, he may by order direct that any or all of persons shall be removed from this colony.—Domei.

Philippines Ask to Charter Danish Ships

Manila, Feb. 12.

Sr. Manuel Roxas, Secretary of Finance, today revealed that the Philippines Commonwealth Government had asked Washington to negotiate with Danish shippers for release of four Danish ships which have been tied up at Manila since the German invasion of Denmark.—United Press.

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South Seas Trade Sought by China

Merchants Anxious for New Fields for Expansion For Native Goods

Chinese merchants in Shanghai are very keen about developing their business in the South Seas. The "Sin Wan Pao" reports that native goods bodies in Shanghai are planning to send a joint petition to Chungking asking that Chinese commercial attachés be appointed to serve in Chinese consulates in foreign countries, especially places in the South Seas areas, including Singapore, Batavia and Manila. They want offices of commercial attachés to be established "first" in those places, indicating that they want to expand still further.

Judging from other Chinese reports the Chinese have of late paid much attention with many trade and remittance potentialities. Since it is difficult to push the sale of the surplus native goods produced in Shanghai in the interior controlled by Chungking in view of the Japanese blockade and the unfavourable conditions in Indo-China, they have also been sending goods to the South Seas where overseas Chinese are said to be willing to buy.

Gen. Wu's Mission

While another country may be viewing the situation in the South Seas with an entirely different meaning, Chinese official circles have been giving much attention to the aforesaid potentialities, to such an extent that they have sent General Wu Tehchen, former Mayor of Great Shanghai and now Minister of Overseas Chinese Affairs, to the area to propagate the Government policy. General Wu has just returned to Chungking, reporting that overseas Chinese had contributed more than $20,000,000 to their home Government as a result of his trip, during which he made no less than 300 speeches.

That Chungking has been counting on overseas Chinese help in tiding over the present national crisis can be seen from a "Shing Sheng News Agency" report that since the hostilities the overseas Chinese in all have contributed nearly $300,000,000 to their Government. This is claimed to be a most accurate estimate and it is said that the overseas Chinese in London have done their part in the contribution campaign. It is stated that the figure excludes the money contributed directly to the China Red Cross and the China National Aviation Association. Their purchases of various Government bonds are also not included in the sum.

Indoor Raid Shelter Devised in England

Many Advantages Afforded; To Be Tried at Once

London, Feb. 12.

Success in the production of a satisfactory design for indoor air-raid shelters was announced yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary.

The indoor shelter is for installation on the lowest floor of two or three-storey houses, and will hold two adults and one older child or two younger children.

Experience, Mr. Morrison said, emphasized the advantages of an indoor shelter, affording the dispersal of warmth and dryness and avoiding dislocation of family life. Experience had also shown that the risk of indoor shelters was less than supposed, and that houses afford more protection than once thought.

It being as yet not practicable to cover the whole country, certain areas have been selected for first distribution, and local announcements will be made at a later stage.—Reuter.

British Destroyer's Feat Recognized

Victors Over Italian Ship Decorated

London, Feb. 12.

The exploit of the destroyer Kimberley in torpedoing the Italian destroyer Francesco Nullo in the Red Sea last October, in an action which followed an enemy attack on a convoy, is recalled by awards announced in the London "Gazette."

These are: The Distinguished Service Order to Lt.-Commander John Sherbrook Richardson; the Distinguished Service Cross to Engineer Lt-Commander Gordon Edward Sedgwick, and the Distinguished Service Medal to Chief Engine-room Artificer William Henry Dallison, all of the destroyer Kimberley.—Reuter.

Sixty Japanese May Remain in England

London, Feb. 12.

Sixty non-permanent Japanese in England who remained behind after general evacuation by the Fushimi Maru last November, appeared doomed to remain in England for a long stay because of their inability to obtain desired transportation. Successive efforts of the Japanese to obtain air transportation to Lisbon have ended in failure despite the intercession of British friends.

Unable to obtain transportation despite their being ordered home are Commander Michinori Yoshii, assistant Naval Attache, First Embassy Secretary Kojiro Inouye, who sought to obtain air passage, an Embassy clerk, and a staff member of the Yokohama Specie Bank, who has decided to sail in a British ship to Lisbon.—Domei.

Ex-Telephone Co. Employees Fined in Court

Three former employees of the Shanghai Telephone Company and two other Chinese were sentenced to pay fines ranging between $200 and to $400 yesterday in the First Special District Court for secretly installing an extension line for a newly established travel service company at 262 Nanking Road. Without permission from their company, accused installed the line and received money for the work, it was said by the prosecution.

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Nagasaki Maru**, of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, left Shanghai on her return trip to Nagasaki direct yesterday morning at 8.30. The liner arrived here on the previous day, berthing alongside the company's Wayside Wharf.

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The ss. **Kobe Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, is scheduled to enter port tomorrow afternoon at about 3 o'clock, tying up at the company's Wayside Wharf. She will remain here overnight only, sailing on the next morning at 8.30 on her return trip to Nagasaki direct.

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The ss. **Tsingtao Maru**, express liner of the D.K.K., running between Shanghai, Tsingtao and Dairen, left harbour yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, after a 36-hour stay. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, besides a quantity of cargo, was docked alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf while here.

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The ss. **d'Artagnan**, fast liner of the Messageries Maritimes Line, is due to enter port this afternoon at about 2 o'clock, when she will dock alongside the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai Side. The liner comes here from Kobe, with mail and passengers. Staying in port for two days, the vessel will sail for Manila and Saigon on February 15.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru**, fast liner of the Dairen Kisen Kaisya, is due to arrive in harbour this afternoon at about 4 o'clock, when she will berth alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The vessel, which carries mail and passengers, will remain here for 36 hours, sailing again for the northern ports on February 15 at 9 o'clock. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 8 o'clock tomorrow night and 7.15 on Friday morning, respectively.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From HONGKONG: Asama Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From Bombay & Calcutta		From Karachi	
M'bourne M	— 25/2	Kasima M	— 17/2
Matue M	— 25/2		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Seattle	
Jeff Davis	— 14/2	W C'seta	20/1 16/2
Dona A'rora	— 21/2	**From Yokohama**	
Vincent	— 1/3	Tatuta M	13/2 17/2
From Los Angeles		Nitta M	12/2 3/3
Tatuta M	5/1 17/2	**From Kobe**	
Nitta M	24/1 3/3	Taiyo M	12/2 16/2
Ningpo	— 7/3	M'real M	15/2 17/2
K'kura M	10/2 10/3	**From Nagasaki**	
From San F'cisco		Kobe M	13/2 14/2
K'kura M	13/2 10/3		

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen	
Dairen M	13/2 15/2

Vessels Discharging

NELEUS & LYCAON. from Liverpool. Cargo ex these vessels has arrived from Hongkong per ss. Hunan for discharge at China Navigation Co.'s Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for local Delivery Orders. Examination of Damaged Cargo will be held at the above Wharf on February 18. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 15-2

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated

For New York		For Hongkong	
Nankai M	14/2	West Cuseta	20/2
Montreal M	17/2	Dona Aurora	26/2
Dona Aurora	26/2	Ningpo	9/3
Kinai M	9/3	**For Osaka**	
Ningpo	9/3	Kasima M	13/2
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Name	Flag	Despatcher
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TO-DAY'S EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13 For. Y. Debate-"Ethical Code vs Orthodox Christianity" 9. p.m.
13 R. L. Op. "Les Cloches de Corneville" Lyc. 8.15
13 Royal Asiatic Society: Mr. E. Kann on "Chinese Carved Ivories" 5.30 p.m.
13 Swatow earthquake (1918)

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

14 For. Y. "Evening of Music" under direction Prof. S. S. Aksakov. 9 p.m.
16 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc. 5.15
16 Christian Science Broadcast XMHA 6.30
17 Engineering Society Meeting 5.45 p.m.
17 S.A.C.S "Western motives in Chinese Art." by A. H. Burling. For Y. 5.30
21 Art Exhibition M. Brenner. Modern Homes, 869 Bubbling Well Road, continues to March 15
22 Jewish Recreation Club Annual Dance at Shanghai Race Club 9.30 p.m.
27 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3 p.m.
28 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 9
28 Special Soiree, in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, French Club 9.30 p.m.

MARCH

1 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 3
6 Ballet Russe and Municipal Orchestra in Glazunov's "Seasons". Symphonic ballet and "Stenka Razin" historical pantomime Lyceum Theatre 9.15
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M. THOMPSON,
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MAP OF SHANGHAI.—From Kiangwan to Lunghwa and the Hungjao Aerodrome to Pootung (65 by 32 inches).

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Feb. 11 16.00	Feb. 11 21.00	Feb. 12 4.00	Feb. 12 9.00
Barometer (inches)	30.07	30.12	30.12	30.18
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.31	—0.25	—0.15	—0.05
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.20	—0.11	+0.05	+0.06
Wind (direction)	SE	ENE	NE	NE
" (miles per hour)	8.1	5.0	23.7	28.6
Temperature (Fahr.)	48.4°	47.1°	43.0°	41.0°
Humidity (per cent)	96	97	100	94
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	0.08	0.17	0.30	0.33

Siccawei Abridged Report Feb. 11	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.17	—0.22	30.31
Temp. min. 35.6° Max. 53.2°	41.4°	+3.0°	37.6°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	3.41	0.40	2.82

Time and Tide	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.39	6.38	6.37	6.36	6.35	6.34	6.33
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.39	17.40	17.41	17.41	17.42	17.43	17.44
Moon rises at Shanghai	19.08	20.13	21.19	22.24	23.29	—	0.31
Moon sets at Shanghai	7.10	7.52	8.33	9.16	9.59	10.45	11.34
Flood makes Shai. (day)	11.30	12.21	13.00	13.42	14.30	15.20	16.25
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	16.28	17.10	17.56	6.08	7.00	7.50	8.47
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	13.35	14.15	14.50	15.25	16.02	16.45	17.45
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.19	8.53	8.79	8.40	8.28	7.86	7.20

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 11th:—High and steady pressure over Japan. Depression crossing Kiangsi east-northeastward. Northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy to overcast and rainy weather in the evening.

State on the morning of the 12th:—Rainy weather with strong north-easterly winds. Low and rising pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

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The following times apply to the Head Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

THURSDAY, February 13.	Reg.	Ord.
Tsingtao Chefoo and Tientsin	8.30	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	8.30	9.00
Tsingtao Chefoo and Tientsin	11.30	12.00
Japan (via Kobe) Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	14.00	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
FRIDAY, February 14.		
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Manila and Indo-China	A 16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, February 15.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Amoy Swatow and Canton	*20.00	6.00
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	x 9.30	10.00
Australia and New Zealand	9.30	10.30
Hongkong and Canton	10.00	10.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	10.30	11.00
Hongkong and Canton	11.00	11.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila & Java Ports	BX19.00	20.00
Amoy Hongkong & Canton	x 19.30	20.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00

* The night before
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 14th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 15th.
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